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State of the Nation address

Services to citizens expanding quickly as portfolio grows

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - During a State of the Nation address interrupted more than 40 times by applause, Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby focused on recent progress in education, health, housing and employment.

"Our progress in every area continues to excel, sometimes beyond our expectations," said Gov. Anoatubby, who added there was simply not enough time to cover all the tribe's accomplishments.

Governor Anoatubby delivered the annual address at 9 a.m. Saturday, October 7 to a crowd of more than 500 in Fletcher Auditorium on the Murray State College campus. Hundreds more saw the message on live video in a tent erected next to the auditorium to accommodate the overflow crowd.

Noting the recent celebration of the 150th anniversary of the tribe's 1856 constitution, Gov. Anoatubby noted that much of the tribe's progress has come in the last 20 years.

"As we celebrate our remarkable achievement, let us also celebrate those who came before us and made it possible for me to report to you that the state of the Chickasaw Nation has never been better," he said.

In 20 years the tribe has grown from about 250 employees to 10,570, according to Gov. Anoatubby, who said business growth and diversification has been important to that success.

"No discussion of our achievements is possible without talking about the tribe's businesses," said Gov. Anoatubby. "Our business success continues to grow and our strategy of diversification is being implemented."

Chickasaw Enterprises employs 6,488 workers and operates 57 businesses, including the state's two largest casinos.

The 219,000 square foot Riverwind casino, the largest in the state, opened in July.

Businesses recently opened or under development by Chickasaw Enterprises include the Red River Sand and Gravel Company, the WinStar Golf Course, and the Artesian Hotel in Sulphur.

Gov. Anoatubby credited well-trained employees as an essential element in the tribe's success in all areas from businesses to health care.

"In April of this year, we were named 'Franchisee of the Year' at Microtel's award ceremony," said Gov. Anoatubby. "We also had two employees nominated for the 'Guest Hero Services' award.

"This is a singular honor, as the Microtel Corporation only considers three candidates world-wide for this honor."

Chickasaw Nation Industries (CNI) illustrates the success of tribal diversification efforts. CNI has developed 12 companies, which provide a variety of services to a long list of clients.

While a majority of CNI profits are reinvested, the company returned $1.1 million in dividends to the tribe to fund programs and services.

"The revenues and resulting payments made by our businesses to the tribal treasury have enabled us to increase and expand services," said Gov. Anoatubby. "We have been able to put more Chickasaws to work, to provide educational opportunities, to improve housing and multiple services, to continue providing the very best health care possible."

Plans announced last year to build a new $135 million hospital south of Ada are continuing.

"We plan to have a groundbreaking ceremony for this new, state-of-the-art health care facility in the spring of 2007," said Gov. Anoatubby.

In 1994, the Chickasaw Nation became the first tribe in the United States to negotiate

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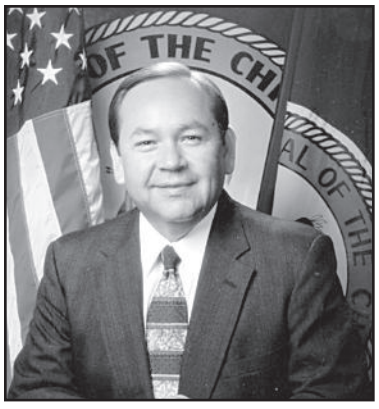
Rich traditions

Sophia Perry placed second at the 2006 Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival Southeastern Art Show and Market in Textile/Clothing for traditional Chickasaw dress. Mrs. Perry placed third for her traditional Choctaw dress.

Gov. Anoatubby honored by council as 'Humanitarian of the Year'



Gov. Bill Anoatubby

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby was recently selected "Humanitarian of the Year" by the Oklahoma Mental Health Consumer Council.

"This is a very meaningful award," said Gov. Anoatubby. "To be recognized by such a fine organization and to join the company of those who have received this award is a great honor."

Previous recipients of the prestigious award include Oklahoma Governor Brad Henry, Attorney General Drew Edmondson and Judge Nancy Coats.

Gov. Anoatubby first learned of the award in a letter from Kaye Rote, Executive Director of the organization.

"This honor is not given lightly," wrote Ms. Rote. "Recipients must have demonstrated a strong commitment to improved mental health services and made significant contributions toward that improvement."

She added that Gov. Anoatubby had been selected unanimously for the award for contributions "too numerous to list individually."

Specific mention was made of Gov. Anoatubby's leadership on the Oklahoma Governor's and Attorney General's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Domestic Violence, as well as his work on the Governor's Transformation Advisory Board.

Official presentation of the award was October 4 during the Annual Statewide Consumer Council Mental Health Conference.

Gov. Anoatubby was appointed to the Oklahoma Health Care Authority in April 2005. He also serves at the state and national levels in various positions of volunteer leadership.

A few of his wide ranging activities include service as Chairman of the Native American Cultural and Educational Authority; a trustee of the Morris K. Udall Foundation and Oklahoma City University; member of Fannie Mae's National Advisory Council; board member of Oklahoma State Board for Easter Seals and Crippled Children; Leadership Oklahoma; Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence; Oklahoma Academy for State Goals; along with many others.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

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AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Scott Colbert called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Members absent: Dean McManus, Mooniene Ogee, Judy Goforth Parker, Wilson Seawright

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: David A. Woerz, James A. Humes, Juanita Tate, Sue Simmons, Bethany Bessire, Michael L. Wingo, Hiden Gardner, Tony Choate, Paul Yates, Marlene Tims, Don Tims, Wilma Watson, Mike Watson

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - August 18, 2006

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mrs. Alexander to approve the August 18, 2006 minutes.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

9 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of August 18, 2006 carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Steve Woods

General Resolution Number 23-092, Authorization for the Chickasaw Nation to Enter into an Agreement with the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, for the Tribal Operation of the Indian Reservation Roads Program

Currently, the Chickasaw Nation compacts with the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the Indian Reservation Roads Program (IRR). The funding for the IRR program comes from the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT). An act of Congress allows Indian tribes to sign agreements directly with the USDOT, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). This resolution will allow the Chickasaw Nation to enter into an agreement directly with the USDOT-FHWA for the IRR program.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR23-092.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

9 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-092 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 23-093, Approval of Revised Salary Scale

This resolution approves the new and revised salary scale. The salary scale has not been adjusted since 1995. It is imperative that the Chickasaw Nation remain competitive in the job market by paying salaries which are competitive with those paid by other organizations. This will help ensure the Chickasaw Nation continues to attract the most qualified applicants and it will help in employee retention by allowing salaries to be more competitive.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve GR23-093.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

9 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-093 carried unanimously.

Mr. Woods concluded his report.

(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 23-095, Approval of Development Budget Amendment

This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget in the amount of $3,920,512 for construction of the Ada Childcare Center.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott to approve GR23-095.

Members voting yes: Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

7 yes votes

Members voting no: Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman

2 no votes

The motion to approve GR23-095 carried.

Ms. Briggs concluded her report.

(C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus

Ms. Briggs gave the Human Resources committee report in Ms. McManus' absence.

General Resolution Number 23-094, Application for Membership, National Congress of American Indians

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for membership in the National Congress of American Indians. This is the same application which is submitted to the legislature for approval each year, and is drafted in accordance with the specifications and requirements of the NCAI. The NCAI has been instrumental in supporting issues of importance to Native Americans. As an independent group, NCAI is representative of the largest concentration of Native Americans, and is often called upon by Congress to provide information and testimony on important Indian subjects. The Chickasaw Nation has been a member in good standing in NCAI since the early 1980s. This resolution names the representatives of the Chickasaw Nation to NCAI..

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR23-094.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

9 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-094 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 23-101, Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development Grant

This resolution approves an $80,000 grant to the Chickasaw Nation. The responsibility to conduct reviews of the U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development's divisions of energy and mineral development and capital investment will be assigned to Chickasaw Nation Industries, which already has a business relationship with the DOI.

It was noted in the sixth paragraph of the resolution that 447 should be corrected to read 477.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mr. Woods to approve GR23-101 as corrected.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

9 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-101, as amended, carried unanimously.

Ms. Briggs concluded her report.

(D) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Judy Goforth Parker

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Your vote in tribal elections energizes the people who serve you

By BILL ANOATUBBY
Governor
Chickasaw Nation

With the 150th Anniversary celebration of our Chickasaw Constitution recently completed, now is a good time to reflect on the awesome responsibility we have as Chickasaw citizens.

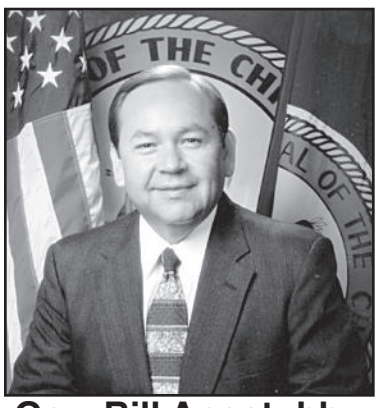
I am, of course, referring to our duty to vote in our tribal elections.

To many Chickasaws of voting age, this year has probably seemed like a year full of elections. We have had elections for tribal legislators and tribal judges. We have had runoff elections. There is also a special legislative election now in progress. The winner of this election will fill the Pontotoc District seat which became vacant upon the September death of longtime legislator Mooniene Ogee.

Additionally, because of the large number of candidates seeking to succeed Mrs. Ogee, the Pontotoc District voters will most likely also be asked to vote in a runoff election between the two top vote-getters.

This year may seem as if it has featured a lot of voting, but it is all extremely important. The more participation by Chickasaw citizens, the more energetic and alive our tribal government becomes. You are the lifeblood of our tribal mission, and you are the reason our tribal government exists.

Our government is organized under the 1983 Chickasaw Constitution as a republic with three branches – executive, legislative and judicial. This system mirrors that of the United States. Of course, the people who fill those branches are selected by you.



Gov. Bill Anoatubby

Your vote has tremendous power and importance. And the more Chickasaw voters who participate in the process, the better the government reflects your wishes. As new Chickasaw voters come on line, the more energetic the process becomes.

When you vote, you are holding your elected officials accountable for their stances on issues, and their actions while in office. Chickasaw candidates work very hard to get Chickasaw voters to support them. They make calls to voters, send out information and try to interact with Chickasaws wherever they can.

When they are elected, these candidates are expected to fulfill the obligations inherent in the office, and to deliver on promises they have made to their constituents. As an informed voter, your vote tells the candidate how you perceive his platform or, if he or she is an incumbent, how you perceive his performance in office.

You, along with your fellow Chickasaw voters, hold the future of the tribe in your hands. When you cast your ballot and mail it in, you are determining the direction your tribe will take on a myriad of issues.

This is truly direct democracy, and the power is with those who are affected by government decisions – the Chickasaw people. This is how it should be.

It is my honor and privilege to serve as your chief executive. Part of that honor is engaging in the process of elections and democratic government, and working together with so many fellow Chickasaws. I have engaged in many campaigns as a tribal candidate, and I can tell you it is a great experience. It never fails to amaze me how much I learn from conversations with Chickasaw voters.

I encourage you to be engaged. I encourage you to vote, in this current legislative election and in all future tribal elections.

Your participation in the election process guarantees a lively and responsive tribal government.

Playwright named 'Dynamic Chickasaw Woman of the Year'

JudyLee Oliva

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - JudyLee Oliva, a Chickasaw playwright, is the winner of the Chickasaw Nation's first ever Dynamic Chickasaw Woman of the Year award. She was presented the honor at the 2006 Chickasaw Arts and Culture Awards ceremony on October 5 in Tishomingo.

The Dynamic Chickasaw Woman of the Year award was created to honor the outstanding achievements and accomplishments of Chickasaw women.

"JudyLee is a perfect example of the spirit and heart of our Chickasaw women," Governor Bill Anoatubby said. "She has persevered and succeeded in creating her own legacy, and has brought back to life the legacy of another great Chickasaw woman."

Ms. Oliva, a prolific writer, has spent more than a decade resurrecting the legacy of Chickasaw storyteller TeAta Fisher, on of Oklahoma's most intriguing and enduring historical figures.

Over the past 10 years, Ms. Oliva has been busy debuting more than a dozen of her own original plays and scripts to audiences across the United States. Nearly all of them have received awards and critical acclaim.

In 1999, her play, *On the Showroom Floor*, took second place at the James H. Wilson Playwriting Competition at the Deep South Writers Conference in Louisiana. After several readings and more competitions, it won first place three years later at the National Writers Association in the play division.

Ms. Oliva's play *99¢ Dream*s won the Women Playwrights Initiative Competition in 2004 in Orlando, Florida, after wining the Five Civilized Tribes' Allece Garrard Best Play prize two years prior in Oklahoma.

She has won multiple awards for other originals. Her play *Mark of the Feather* was published in 2001 by Alliance Press at Ohio State University. Lamia Ink Magazine published *Pasture* in 1999, the same year the play debuted at their ninth annual International Play Fest in New Your City.

In October 2000, *TeAta* was named the winner of the Five Civilized Tribes Best American Indian Musical Play and it is scheduled for publication in an anthology of native women's plays by the University of Michigan Press.

An author of two books and multiple articles about theatre, Ms. Oliva has worked in professional theater as well as regional and academic theater for 20 years. She holds a master's of fine arts in directing from the University of Oklahoma and a Ph.D. in theater and drama from Northwestern University in Chicago. She enjoys conducting playwriting workshops while developing her own work and has served as artist-in-residence in a wide variety of settings.

"I am so deeply honored," Ms. Oliva said. "Winning this award means a lot of responsibility. We Chickasaw women have to keep setting an example and telling our stories."

Ms. Oliva is a member of the Dramatists Guild of American, Native Writers Circle of the Americas and serves on the Board of Advisors for the Native Women Playwrights Archive.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

Lifetime Scholarship winners announced

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Education has announced this year's Lifetime Scholarship winners.

The Lifetime Scholarship is awarded each fall to five full-time students who maintain a 3.0 grade point average or higher each semester. The scholarship covers tuition, fees, books, room and board at any accredited college or university. It is a service repayment scholarship with a maximum of two years of service.

The scholarship winners are:

• Wayne Edgar, Norman, Oklahoma – a first year student at Oklahoma City University School of Law. Mr. Edgar anticipates graduating in the spring 2009. He graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1993 and an MBA in Management and Economics in 2002.

• Victor Jacome, Ardmore, Oklahoma – a graduate student at the University of Oklahoma Health and Science Center. He is majoring in medical radiological physics and anticipates graduating in the spring of 2008. Mr. Jacome graduated from Murray State College with an associate's degree in 2004, and from East Central University with a bachelor's degree in the spring of 2006.

• Marissa Moore, Connerville, Oklahoma – a junior at East Central University. She is majoring in history and anticipates graduating in the spring of 2008. Ms. Moore graduated from Wapanucka High School in 2004 and from Murray State College with an associate's degree in May of 2006.

• Mahate Parker, Ada, Oklahoma – a first year student at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine. She anticipates graduating in 2010. Ms. Parker graduated from East Central University with a bachelor's Degree in biology.

• Stacy Wesberry, Tishomingo, Oklahoma – a sophomore at Murray State College. She is majoring in business and anticipates graduating in the fall of 2006 and then transferring to Southeastern Oklahoma State University. Mrs. Wesberry graduated from Byng High School in 1986.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

Hospital site staked; nearly 15,000 visits to Carl Albert

Mary Jo Green
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Chairman of the Health Care Committee! We are all thankful for the good rain that we received here in Ada and are looking forward to Thanksgiving. Our family will be sharing our blessings with all seven of my husband's siblings. We will also be celebrating his 80th birthday and our 55th wedding anniversary. We have so much to be thankful for!

Thanksgiving is my favorite time of year. I wish God's blessing on each of you and may you receive more love and fellowship with family and friends than ever before. Remember why we take time for this special day and give thanks to our Creator.

We have had a total of 13 candidates file for the vacant seat on the Legislature. The vacancy was created by the untimely passing of Legislator Mooniene Ogee. This shows that there are many good Chickasaws interested in becoming a member of our law-making body. Kudos to all! It is our prayer that the person best suited for the position will prevail in the election.

Preparation continues for the new hospital. Stakes have been placed at the proposed site so we can garner at least a small sense of how large it will be.

Administrator Bill Lance submits the following statistics: In the month of September, 2006, there were 208 hospitalizations at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. The number of outpatient visits at Carl Albert was 14,763. September Emergency Room visits were 1,132. September saw 273 surgeries and the Same-day Clinic saw 2,490 patients.

The Family Practice Clinic in Ada saw 4,771 patients in September. The Ardmore Clinic saw 3,136 patients and the Tishomingo Clinic saw 2,445. The Durant Clinic saw 2,586 patients and the Purcell Clinic saw 1,511 in September.

Until next month, may you each enjoy good health.

I would love to hear from you! Please contact me through my email address mary.green@chickasaw.net or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site. Until next month, thank you.

Tishomingo acquisitions, other parcels add to land base

Greetings.

It is that time of the year again. . . . new committees and new work to do. Once again, I will have the privilege of chairing the Land Committee, and I would like to introduce you to the new committee members as well as update you on the accomplishments that we realized for the 2006 fiscal year.

We viewed several resolutions in a total of eight out of the 12.5 counties that make up the Chickasaw Nation. In Johnston County, we purchased 7 parcels of land for a total of 14.675 acres and approximately 14 city blocks. If you have visited Tishomingo lately, you will realize that we have purchased several pieces of property around the historical Capitol of the Chickasaw Nation. The capitol improvement project is outstanding, and I suggest that you visit there to step back in time and see where we have come from on our journey.

In Love County, we added 76.20 acres, and in Marshall County, we added 186 acres. For the most part, additions to the land base are for the purpose of our businesses or housing. In Pontotoc County, 12 parcels of land were added for a total of 106 acres and 11 city lots. We will be adding housing as a result of one of these purchases as well as a several additions to our businesses and office space. As you may well imagine, the Chickasaw Nation grown in employees has burdened our office space. In Stephens and McClain Counties, we added 4 parcels of land for a total of approximately 84 acres. I know that the residents in Duncan are looking forward to the addition of a new site that will be built in the near future.

Garvin and Carter County have seen the addition of 2 parcels of land with 70 acres being added in Garvin County and 160 acres added to our holdings in Carter County. In total, 1,049 acres were added to the land base of the Chickasaw Nation with an addition of 25-plus city lots. Our committee is a busy committee, and we take our work seriously.

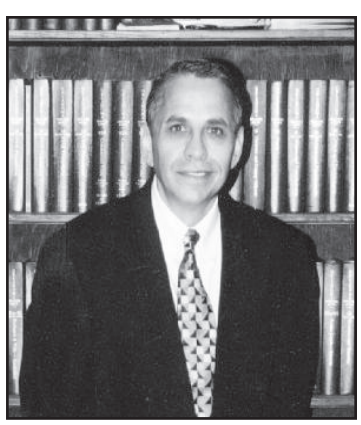
In addition, 10 agricultural, business, recreational and oil/gas leases were considered during the year. Seven rights of way/easements for the purpose of roadway improvements were acted on as well as 2 easements for roadway access.

This year, we will continue to work with Housing, Chickasaw Enterprises, and the Nation to consider land acquisitions. Thank you so much for all of your support. Our committee will continue to work with you, the Chickasaw citizens, in mind.

We look forward to hearing from you for your input. You can email me at judy.parker@chickasaw.net or call 580-310-4782.

Judy Goforth Parker
Pontotoc District Seat 3
Chair of the Land Committee

Colbert hosts open house at Tish clinic every first Wednesday



D. Scott Colbert
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Legislator Scott Colbert will have an open office for Legislature business at the Tishomingo Clinic between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month. Please make appointments at (580) 622-3218. You may also call on the first Wednesday of every month at (580) 421-3425.

Feel free to contact Colbert if you have any questions.

Land Committee

Legislative Land Committee from left, Beth Alexander, Judy Goforth Parker, Mary Jo Green, D. Scott Colbert and David Woerz.

Rep in Chickasha on November 20

A Chickasaw Nation representative will be in Chickasha, Okla., November 20 to answer questions about tribal programs.

For more information, or to apply for tribal elderly energy assistance, tribal emergency utility assistance, energy assistance, community health representatives, or other programs, visit Bettie Black at Oklahoma Workforce, 301 S. 2nd Street from 3 to 5 p.m.

A tribal representative will be available for questions at Oklahoma Workforce the third Monday of each month.

For more information, call (405) 527-6667.

Tribe featured during Love County chamber festivities

Linda Briggs
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello Everyone!

We jumped from summer to winter in one short hop, it seems. The rain, very much needed in this area, was most welcome.

Our "new year" has started and we have new projects beginning and projects already approved coming to fruition. Always it is an exciting time in the Nation!

Mr. Scott Colbert was re-elected to the position of Chairperson of the Legislature and I was reelected to the position of Secretary of the Legislature at our first session. It's an honor to serve in these positions and the trust in us by our fellow legislators is accepted humbly and with great appreciation. We will work hard to assure the legislative process is carried out as smoothly as possible and to the benefit of the citizens who gave all of us our jobs.

Many of us on the Legislature are active in the communities in which we live and I am one of those so inclined. I just finished a term as president of the Love County Chamber of Commerce and for our annual banquet we had an evening we called "A Chickasaw Cultural Evening." It went wonderfully with twice the number in attendance (over 350) that we have ever had before. Tribal flute player Tim Harjo played flutes he had made in the traditional style and then as a contrast tribal flute player Brad Clonch played handmade flutes styled in a more contemporary fashion. It was all wonderful with participation by a tribal storyteller, a presentation by the director of the presently being built Chickasaw Cultural Center and a video giving a brief summary of our tribal history. The tribal dancers were a great hit and the evening was finished by our beautiful new Chickasaw princess. I wish everyone of you could have enjoyed the evening with us. I was so proud!

Last week several of us on the Legislature participated in a mock legislative session for one of our youth camps. The camp was for the learning of the legislative process and the development of leadership skills. Approximately 100 students representing a number of different high schools were in attendance. We were so impressed with the group of students and appreciative of the great amount of preparation necessary from the staff working with them. It was a really enjoyable event!

All of you take care and stay warm! God bless you.

Linda Briggs

Visit to Lifestyle Center aids in understanding of diabetes

Beth Alexander
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

November is here. A new month that holds new opportunities. Just recently I was invited to a meeting at the Lifestyle Center located in Sulphur, Okla. Lifestyle Center is a wonderful facility that focuses on the education, care and well being of diabetics. The goal of the Center is to holistically educate participants with knowledge and strategies that will assist in managing diabetes and in turn, allow for successful living. The Center offers vegetarian cooking classes, exercise plans to fit each individual, the Neurocare System to treat various physical ailments caused by diabetes, and the opportunity to meet and share with others in the same situation.

By visiting with the Lifestyle Center, I hope to gain a better understanding of how diabetes functions and even more importantly, what other types of treatment are being used in the fight against this malady. A common factor that keeps appearing is the need for proper DIET and EXERCISE. Let's face it; these are mind over matter areas of our lives. Only the individual can make these decisions. By encouraging our children to eat healthy and exercise, we are educating the next generation of Chickasaw citizens.

On the other hand, many people are diligently watching their diet and exercising are still battling diabetic complications. This is where the additional treatments such as Neurocare come into play. Not only has this system been successful in muscle stimulation, circulation, edema, treatment of open wounds and neuropathy but also proving successful assisting in better dialysis results. Keep in mind; the methods I have mentioned in this article are not a cure at all. But they offer hope. I find it exciting to learn about new ideas and hear of people and their success stories. If any of these treatments can enhance the overall lives of the Chickasaw people then it is a positive step. I wish well for all of you and thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve you as one of your Chickasaw Tribal Legislators. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. To learn more about Neurocare:

Toll free 1-888-671-6605 or www.neurocare.com

Thank you,

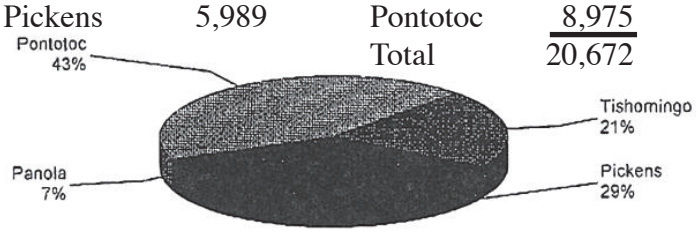
Beth Alexander

Citizens At Large Help Number

For information on services or help with questions, call toll-free 1-866-466-1481.

Count of Voters by District

Tishomingo	4,351	Panola	1,357
Pickens	5,989	Pontotoc	8,975
		Total	20,672



Tribal education programs helping Chickasaw students from kindergarten through college

Wanda Blackwood Scott
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

It is our primary mission at the Chickasaw Nation to serve the Chickasaw people well.

As chairman of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature Education Committee, it is my job to be sure we are offering the type of education assistance that will lead Chickasaw people to great success, and great fulfillment in life.

For the fall semester, the tribe is funding over 1,000 undergraduate students, and 137 graduate students. These students receive grants for textbooks and clothing, plus scholarships and tuition assistance. We will invest over $2.6 million in our higher ed Chickasaw students this fall. We invest these resources in our students because we believe great educations lead to great Chickasaw professionals.

We are also working hard with the adult learning program. This program offers GED assistance. Last month we had seven adult students earn their GEDs. Congratulations! We now have ongoing GED classes in Ada, Tishomingo, Purcell, Duncan and Sulphur.

Our career technology and training development program is serving more Chickasaws each month. Chickasaws in vo-tech and other training institutions can receive excellent assistance. Last month, 33 students were funded through this program.

The Chickasaw Honor Club formerly Governor's Honor Club) continues to be a very popular program for our elementary and secondary students. Students who receive good grades earn gift cards and t-shirts for their scholarship. For the 2005-2006 school year, 832 Chickasaw children, along with 1,156 other Indian students, were recognized by the Honor Club.

Education continues to be the area we focus on most. We want our Chickasaw children to do well in school, establish successful careers, and become our tribal leaders of the future.

Honored by OKC Minority Business Enterprise Center

Gov. Anoatubby named 'Minority Business Advocate of the Year'

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby was recently selected by the Oklahoma City Minority Business Enterprise Center to receive the "2006 Award for Minority Business Advocate of the Year."

Center director Nancy Alexander presented the award to Gov. Anoatubby.

"It is quite an honor to receive this award from an organization which is doing such great work," said Gov. Anoatubby. "By providing the tools and encouragement to help individuals create and develop small business they are helping them develop a level of independence which might not otherwise be possible."

The award was presented as part of Minority Enterprise Development Week activities.

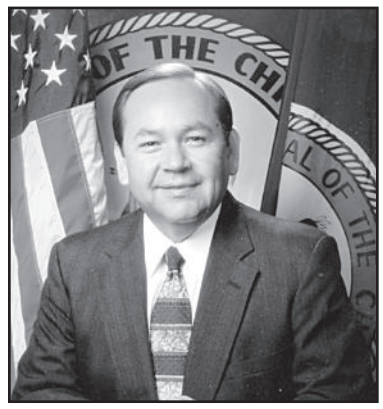
In 1983, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed a week to observe and recognize the outstanding achievement of minority business enterprises.

Every subsequent president has followed suit.

The Oklahoma City Minority Business Enterprise Center conducted a Minority Enterprise Development Week awards banquet Sept. 28 at Langston University to recognize advocates of minority businesses.

Keynote speaker at the event was Dr. Chuck Carr Brown, New Orleans, Louisiana Assistant Secretary of Environmental Services.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.



Gov. Bill Anoatubby

Playwright and Author take top Chickasaw Arts and Culture awards

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - Chickasaw playwright JudyLee Oliva was named "Dynamic Chickasaw Woman of the Year," while author James R. Atkinson won the Heritage Preservation Award for best book at the Chickasaw Arts and Culture Awards.

Five other authors, four artists and a Chickasaw elder who has worked to preserve the language were also recognized at the ceremony Thursday evening at Fletcher Auditorium on the Murray State College campus.

"These men and women we honor tonight follow in the footsteps of great Chickasaw authors, artists, educators and storytellers, and they will certainly serve as an inspiration to others," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "This awards ceremony is a small part of our effort to create an environment which will foster excellence in arts, education and scholarly research."

Ms. Oliva, who said she was "deeply honored" by the award, has authored two books and numerous articles about theatre and has debuted more than a dozen original plays in the last 10 years.

She is author of a play about renowned Chickasaw storyteller Te Ata, which made its world-premiere earlier this year at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma in Chickasha.

"Over 4,000 people came to see the play. Many of those people had never seen a play before," said Ms. Oliva. "Many of those people were Native people. I just can't tell you how

See **Arts & Culture Awards,** *page 25*

Enrollment open for ACT test workshops

Enrollment is now open for ACT test preparation workshops offered through the Chickasaw Nation's Adult Learning Program.

Workshops will be scheduled in Ada at varying times, dates, and locations. Instructors are highly qualified Education Specialists employed by the Chickasaw Nation.

Workshops are offered at no charge to Chickasaw citizens, Chickasaw Nation employees furthering their education under the Educational Assistance Policy, and any client currently receiving educational services from the Chickasaw Nation Education Services Division.

Success on the ACT test is important for admission into most colleges and is a determining factor for many state higher education grants and scholarships.

The Adult Learning Program also offers computer training at each of the Chickasaw Nation Elder sites.

Specialized instructional courses for Chickasaw Citizens interested in completing a General Educational Development certificate (GED) are also offered through the program.

For further information about services offered by the Adult Learning Program or to enroll in the ACT test preparation workshop, please call (580) 310-6625.

Ada Senior Citizens Gift Shop

401 Chamber Loop
Ada, OK
(580) 436-1007

SW jewelry, dream catchers, caps and lots of Chickasaw items.

Shop the Ada Senior Citizens Gift Shop for all your gift giving items!

2006-2007 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

Pontotoc District
Seat #

1. Holly Easterling
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   Ada, OK 74820
   (580) 399-4002
   hollye@cableone.net
2. Judy Parker
   20565 CR3560
   Ada, OK 74820
   (580) 332-3840
3. (Open due to death of legislator Mooniene Ogee)
4. Dean McManus
   5980 CR 3430
   Ada, OK 74820
   (580) 759-3407
5. Mary Jo Green
   2000 E. 14th Place
   Ada, OK 74820
   (580) 332-2394

Pickens District
Seat #

1. David Woerz
   P.O. Box 669
   Ardmore, OK 73402
   (580) 504-0160
2. Donna Hartman
   HC 66, Box 122
   Overbrook, OK 73448
   (580) 226-4385
3. Linda Briggs
   400 NW 4th
   Marietta, OK 73448
   (580) 276-3493
4. Wanda Blackwood Scott
   Route 1, Box 42
   Elmore City, OK 73433
   (580) 788-4730
   scottdes@telepath.com

Tishomingo District
Seat #

1. D. Scott Colbert
   P.O. Box 773
   Sulphur, OK 73086
   (580) 622-3960
2. Tim Colbert
   P.O. Box 773
   Sulphur, OK 73086
   (580) 993-2818
3. Steven Woods
   Route 1, Box 430A
   Sulphur, OK 73086
   (580) 622-3523

Panola District
Seat #

1. Beth Alexander
   Box 246
   Achille, OK 74720
   (580) 283-3409

Committee Reports

Land Development Committee
Oct. 10, 2006
Present: Judy Goforth Parker, Beth Alexander, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Health Committee
Oct. 10, 2006
Present: Mary Jo Green, Beth Alexander, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Scott Colbert
Absent: Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman

Human Resources Committee
Oct. 10, 2006
Present: Dean McManus, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Scott Colbert
Absent: Donna Hartman

Finance Committee
Oct. 10, 2006
Present: Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert
Absent: Judy Goforth Parker

Legislative Committee
Oct. 10, 2006
Present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert
Absent: Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman

Election Rules & Regulations Ad Hoc Committee
Oct. 10, 2006
Present: Steve Woods, Beth Alexander, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Scott Colbert
Absent: Tim Colbert

October 2006 Resolutions

General Resolution Number 24-001

Resolution in Support of American Military Personnel and Veterans

Explanation: This resolution honors those individuals who are serving or have served in the armed forces of the United States. It thanks them for their dedicated sacrifices that we all may live free.

Requested By: Scott Colbert, Chairperson

Presented By: Steve Woods, Chairman Legislative Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 24-002

Tribute to Legislator Mooniene Ogee

Explanation: This resolution recognizes and acknowledges with great appreciation and admiration the loyalty and dedication of our colleague Legislator Mooniene Ogee for the enrichment and betterment of Oklahoma, the Chickasaw Nation, Chickasaw citizens and Indian people.

Further, this resolution approves a donation in the amount of one thousand dollars ($1,000) from its unobligated budgetary funds to the Chickasaw Foundation, each year for ten (10) years, to the Chickasaw Foundation, in the name of Mooniene Ogee, to be awarded by the Chickasaw Foundation as a scholarship for a student majoring in education.

Requested By: Linda Briggs, Committee Chair Finance Committee

Presented By: Linda Briggs, Committee Chair Finance Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 24-003

Gubernatorial Appointment to the Board of Directors

of Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc.

Mr. Steve Woods

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's reappointment of Mr. Steve Woods to the board of directors of Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc.

Article IV of the Articles of Incorporation issued by the secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior provides that the terms of office of each board member shall be three years. With this being the first reappointment for Mr. Woods, he will fill a full three-year term, beginning with the ratification of appointment, and ending on October 1, 2009.

Requested by: Governor Bill Anoatubby

Presented by: Dean McManus, Committee Chair Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 24 - 004

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Garvin County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Paoli, Garvin County, Oklahoma, described as: A tract of land in the N/2 NW/4 NE/4 of Section 16, Township 4 North, Range 1 West, I.B.M., Garvin County, OK, further described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said N/2 NW/4 NE/4, Thence N89E56'00" E, along the section line, a distance of 717.26 feet to the point of beginning; Thence S 00*E*04'00" E a distance of 85.00 feet; Thence S 89E56'00" W, along I-35 Highway right-of-way a distance of 190.43 feet; Thence S 01E30'56" E, along said Highway right-of-way a distance of 575.37 feet to a point on the South line of said N/2 NW/4 NE/4; said point located 540.74 feet East of the Southwest/corner of said N/2 NW/4 NE/4; Thence N 89E56'00" E, along the South line of said N/2 NW/4 NE/4 a distance of 783.12 feet to the Southeast/ corner of said N/2 NW/4 NE/4; Thence N 00E05'51" W, along the East line of said N/2 NW/4 NE/4 a distance of 660.19 feet to the Northeast/corner of said N/2 NW/4 NE/4; Thence South 89E56'00" W a distance of 20.00 feet; Thence S 00E05'51" E a distance of 294.70 feet; Thence N 89E01'56" W, along an existing fence line, a distance of 177.26 feet; Thence N 16E49'00" W, along said fence line, a distance of 304.42 feet to the North line of said N/2 NW/4 NE/4; Thence S 89E56'00" W, along the section line, a distance of 322.08 feet to the point of beginning, containing approximately10 acres, more or less, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted.

The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented By: Judy Goforth Parker, Committee Chair Land Development Committee

To Table

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, David Woerz, Scott Colbert

No votes: Linda Briggs, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott

General Resolution Number 24-005

Oil and Gas Lease in Sequoyah and LeFlore Counties

(Tribal Tract 139)

Explanation: This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Mining Lease in favor of Sedna Energy, Inc., 4600 Rogers Avenue, Ft. Smith, AR 72903, who has submitted an acceptable bid of $75.00 per acre for a total bonus of $30,441.75, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive $3,805.22, on property belonging to the Cherokee, Chickasaw, and Choctaw Nations described as Section 13, Township 10 North, Range 26 East, Sequoyah & LeFlore Counties, Oklahoma, USA IN TRUST for the Cherokee Nation, The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, and the Chickasaw Nation containing 70.31 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $1,217.67 of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $152.21 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented By: Judy Goforth Parker, Committee Chair Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 24-006

Oil and Gas Lease in Sequoyah and LeFlore Counties

(Tribal Tract 140)

Explanation: This resolution approves an Oil and Gas Mining Lease in favor of Sedna Energy, Inc., 4600 Rogers Avenue, Ft. Smith, AR 72903, who has submitted an acceptable bid of $207.00 per acre for a total bonus of $14,554.17, of which the Chickasaw Nation shall receive $1,819.27, on property belonging to the Cherokee, Chickasaw, and Choctaw Nations described as Section 24, Township 10 North, Range 26 East, Sequoyah & LeFlore Counties, Oklahoma, USA IN TRUST for the Cherokee Nation, The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, and the Chickasaw Nation containing 70.31 acres, more or less, for a primary term of three (3) years with a $3.00 per acre annual rental for a total of $210.93 of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $26.37 per annum, and a royalty rate of 18.75%.

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented By: Judy Goforth Parker, Committee Chair Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 24-007

Utility Easement in Stephens County

Explanation: This resolution approves a ten foot (10') utility easement and a 22 foot (22') utility easement to the City of Duncan, Oklahoma, a municipal corporation, for constructing, maintaining and operating public utilities across property owned by the Chickasaw Nation, described as follows: the East 10 feet of the West Six (6) acres of the SW/4 of SE/4 of SE/4 of Section 19, Township 1 North, Range 7 West, of the Indian Meridian, Stephens County, Oklahoma, and a 22 feet utility easement being 11 feet on either side of a centerline described as: Beginning at a point 184.09 feet N89E58'29"E and 40 feet North of the Southwest corner of the SW/4 of SE/4 of SE/4 of Section 19, Township 1 North, Range 7 West of the Indian Meridian, Stephens County, Oklahoma; thence North a distance of 470.22 feet to a point.

Compensation for these utility easements is waived for providing utility services to the Duncan Senior Site.

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor The Chickasaw Nation

Presented By: Judy Goforth Parker, Committee Chair Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 24-008

Seismic Permit in Garvin County

(Bedré Chocolate Factory)

Explanation: This resolution approves a seismic permit in favor of Eagle Land and Minerals Company, 222 E. Sheridan Avenue Ste. 6, Oklahoma City, OK 73104, for a seismic permit across property belonging to the Chickasaw Nation for an access fee of $7.00 per acre for a total of $70.00, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $70.00, for a term commencing on June 22, 2006 (the "Effective Date"), regardless of the actual date of execution, and shall terminate on or before December 31, 2007, if the Grantee fails to commence seismic operations.

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented By: Judy Goforth Parker, Committee Chair Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly

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Peacemaking group active in system

Judiciary serving more Chickasaw citizens; advocates available for help

Barbara Smith
Supreme Court Chief Justice

Chukma,

The Judicial Branch continues to work hard to make the court system more accessible for more citizens. The Judicial Branch offers a forum for redress of disputes in both criminal and civil actions. During the month of September there were 40 new cases filed and 92 cases heard in the District Court. Since January 1, 2006 through September 30, 2006 the District Court has had 353 new cases and 918 cases heard. The Court Advocates have met with 954 citizens to assist them with their legal needs.

August 2006 the Judicial Branch was awarded a Tribal Courts Assistance Program Grant in the amount of $274,536. This Grant project period is from October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2008. The Grant was awarded to assist the Judicial Branch in making the court system and services more accessible throughout the Nation and to help the Judicial Branch with needs in the new Justice Center that is planned for the near future.

Justice Mark Colbert, Justice Cheri Bellefeuille-Eldred and Justice Barbara Smith attended the 150 year Celebration of the Chickasaw Nation Constitution on August 30, 2006 in Tishomingo. It was a wonderful celebration and a great time for remembering those who came before us. Justice Smith would like to congratulate her 9 year old niece, Kathryn Mariah Smith who won 2nd place in the Constitution Art Contest.

In early September, Justice Smith attended a meeting of the advisory board of the Tribal Judicial Institute and the Chautauqua Peacemaking Group for planning the National Restorative Justice Conference to be held in October 2007. This conference is funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance in the Department of Justice and will be a national conference with tribal and non-tribal attendees from throughout the United States. A meeting of tribal Peacemakers from Tribes throughout the United States will be invited to a pre-conference meeting to be held in Albuquerque in April 2007 to give guidance for planning of the national conference. The Chickasaw Nation Peacemakers will be attending these meetings to share and exchange experiences with other Peacemakers.

Justice Smith gave a presentation on Peacemaking to the Federal Executive Board of mediators for federal agencies and mediators for the Oklahoma Supreme Court at the Journal Record Building overlooking the Murrah Building Memorial.

Also, Justice Smith gave a presentation on Peacemaking at the National American Indian Court Judges Association and Association of American Indian Physicians Youth in Distress conference in Oklahoma City. The Memorial site is beautiful and has a coming effect as you gaze over the reflecting pool. Talking of peace with peacemakers in such a quiet setting made for a powerful meeting.

Justice Bellefeuille-Eldred attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Government Services building and the Douglas H. Johnston Building.

Justice Bellefeuille-Eldred attended the Chickasaw Princess Pageant. We send our congratulations to our new royalty, Monica Seawright, Chickasaw Princess; Nacobi Walker, Chickasaw Junior Princess; and Caitlynn Sparlin, Little Miss Chickasaw.

October 2, 2006, Chief Justice Mark Colbert administered the oath of office for the new elected officials. Justice Barbara Anne Smith was sworn in to begin her second term as a Justice of the Supreme Court of the Chickasaw Nation. On that same day the Justices appointed Justice Barbara Smith to be the Chief Justice for the upcoming term.

The Judicial Branch would like to commend Justice Mark Colbert for his service in his capacity of Chief Justice. His efforts and accomplishments are appreciated and admired by all in the Judicial Branch. Thank you, Justice Colbert for a job well-done.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief Justice Barbara Anne Smith

Justice Barbara Smith, second from left, with Tishomingo District Youth Council members, from left, Jerica Marsh, Ashley Stonebarger, Jay Stonebarger, Kale Lampkin, Sasha Keck, David Leonard, Micki Marsh and Stephen Harris.

Chickasaw judge, Chickasaw youth work together as youth council officers are elected

By Barbara Smith

Yesterday, I had the distinct honor and privilege to attend the Fall Retreat for Native American youth within the Chickasaw Nation. They met at Camp WOW near Gerty, Oklahoma. I had never been to Gerty. What a beautiful part of the country. The eaves were beginning to turn and the day was sunny and gray, all in one day.

The kids were beautiful. Of course, they are after all, Chickasaw. The camp is a wonderful facility by a lake in the hills covered with colors of fall. It was a little chilly and breezy, yet the kids were busy, and anxious to go home. But, bless their hearts, they listened attentively and respectfully as I gave them an overview of the Judicial Branch of our government.

They had voting booths set up for election of the Chickasaw Nation Youth Council representative seats, with representatives in each of the Chickasaw Districts. After the election and the announcement of the winners of the elections, I had the privilege of administering the oath and the pledge to the new representatives.

As I looked out over the faces of these bright, wonderful young people, I realized I was looking at the faces of the future. They will be our government some day and they bring me hope as they showed me their interests and visions.

Thank you, Chickasaw Nation Youth Council for inviting me to this wonderful occasion.

From left, Justice Barbara Smith, Panola District Youth Council member Erica McMillan, and Youth Specialist Shannon Brown.

Youth council officers elected

Camp W.O.W. Fall Retreat hosts over 70 youth

GERTY, Okla. - More than 70 teenagers from across the Chickasaw Nation joined together October 19 – 21 at the 2006 Fall Retreat at Camp W.O.W. in Gerty for a weekend of fun, teambuilding activities and the annual District Youth Council elections.

The retreat, hosted by the Chickasaw Nation Youth and Family Division, takes place each year during the student's Fall Break. Throughout the weekend, students learn about the Chickasaw Nation government and the functions of the legislative branch, meet with current legislators and watch a mock legislative meeting take place. They also attend sessions on meeting rules, public speaking and leadership.

Students are able to divide into the four Chickasaw Nation districts – Panola, Pickens, Pontotoc and Tishomingo – and campaign for positions on the District Youth Council. On the last day of the retreat, elections are conducted and winners are announced for each district. Those elected serve on the District Youth Council for the remainder of the year.

The 2006 – 2007 District Youth Council winners are:

Panola District Youth Council

Erica McMillan

Pickens District Youth Council

Brittany McLaury
Laura Ash
Katie Mitchell-Shepherd
Kimberly Lyda
Vincent Baptistte
Codie Bolin
Briar Burns
Brandi Taylor
Tre' Pickens
Chance Brown

Pontotoc District Youth Council

Ceira Wright
Brandon Blankenship
Jessie Miller
Zack Stepps
Dannie "Chigger" Davidson
Jonah Puller
Nikki Miller
Deeanna Taylor
Courtney Parchcorn
Amanda Hatton
Skylar Mayo

Tishomingo District Youth Council

James "Jay" Stonebarger
Ashleigh Stonebarger
Micki Marsh
Jerica Marsh
Sasha Keck
David Leonard
Stephen Harris
Kale Lampkin
Chris Campbell
Kendall Lance
Whitney Wallace
Hannah Shillington

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

Youth Council, continued from page 8

From left, Justice Barbara Smith and Pickens District Youth Council members, Kimberly Lyda, Laura Ash, Rtittany McClaury, Vincent Baptiste, Briar Burns, Codie Bolin, Brandy Taylor, Chance Brown and Tre' Pickens.

From left, Justice Barbara Smith and Pontotoc District Youth Council members, Jesse Miller, Skylar Mayo, Jonah Puller, Amanda Hatton, Courtney Parchcorn, Deanna Taylor, Dannie Davidson, Zach Stepps, Geira Wright, Brandon Blankenship and Youth Specialist, J D Underwood.

Santa Fe winner

Daniel Worcester poses in front of his shop with the first place ribbon he won at the Santa Fe Art Market for one of his miniature knives

Thank you!

Chukma!

It is good to be a Chickasaw!

I want to thank you for your support during this past election. Thank you for allowing me to serve you for a second term as Justice for the Supreme Court.

My heart is always strengthened by the people of the Chickasaw Nation.

Blessings and peace to all of you,

Justice Barbara Anne Smith

Barbara Smith
Supreme Court Justice

Tribal Arts & Humanities officers honored for work

Laura Morrison

Kelley Isom

WEATHERFORD, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities recently received two prestigious honors at the Oklahoma Art Educators Association (OAEA) Fall Conference in Weatherford.

Arts in Education Manager Laura Morrison was named Supervisor/Administrator of the Year for her work with the Chickasaw Nation arts programs. Morrison leads the arts in education department which visits more than 30 schools each year teaching native and cultural art lessons to elementary, middle and high school students.

The department also offers an after school art program in Ada, Ardmore and Purcell and hosts a youth art show each spring.

Morrison also traveled to Beijing, China last winter as one of 53 art education delegates invited to represent the United States at the People to People Ambassador Programs' U.S.-China Joint Education Conference. She served as a presenter at the conference sharing her research on "Cultural Connection" showing how the American Indians and the Chinese used similar patterns, shapes and symbols in their ancient art.

The Chickasaw Nation was also honored to receive the Karen Kirkpatrick Youth Arts Month Award for Outstanding Organizational Support. This award came from an initiative spearheaded by Humanities and Literary Arts Coordinator Kelley Isom.

Isom put together lesson plans, artists' quotes and related book titles to be used each day of Youth Arts Month and made them available on the Chickasaw Nation website. Thirty-one downloadable lesson plans are available on subjects like "Color Match Game," "Enjoy Nature" and "Create Diversity."

The lesson plans can be found on the Chickasaw Nation website at http://www.chickasaw.net/art/873_2852.htm.

Both awards will now be submitted to the National Art Educators Association committees for competition nation wide.

For more information about the division or arts and humanities and their programs, contact their office at (580) 272-5520.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

Tribal business transfers for programs and capital projects top $100 million

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the election commission, maintenance and operations of tribal property, Chickasaw Times and governor's and lt. governor's offices. Expenditure for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Depreciation has not been computed on the Fixed Assets of the governmental funds for the current year. Depreciation will be computed after year end in connection with the audit.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending September 30, 2006

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations totaled $75.0 million year-to-date. Expenditures for the month were $4.8 million and $37.5 year-to-date. There has been a total, beginning in fiscal year 2005, of $82.5 million transferred from the businesses that were reserved for capital projects.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes for September totaled $56 million and $569 million year-to-date. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was $187 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was $81 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At September 30, 2006, the tribal government funds had $52 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, $9.9 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had $112 million in cash and investments of which $89 million is reserved for accounts payable and $20 million is reserved for reinvestment in present and new businesses.

As of September 30, 2006, tribe operations, excluding federal program funding, had assets totaling $592 million with $89 million in payables resulting in net assets of $502 million compared to $391 million at the beginning of fiscal year 2006 or an increase of $111 million for the period then ended.

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Twelve Months Ended September 30, 2006

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	$	6,506,362	569,693,338	576,199,700
Transfers from businesses to tribal government		75,875,032	(75,875,031)	1
Total funds available		82,381,394	493,818,307	576,199,700
Expenditures				
General government		6,821,052		6,821,052
Legislature		1,458,419		1,458,419
Judiciary		641,266		641,266
Education		7,667,135		7,667,135
Heritage Preservation		3,053,663		3,053,663
Health		6,874,604		6,874,604
Youth and Family Services		5,285,020		5,285,020
Nutrition Programs		2,220,208		2,220,208
Regulatory		1,607,023		1,607,023
Assistance Programs		1,866,681		1,866,680
Transfer to Loan Program		-		-
Gaming expense			302,110,547	302,110,547
Other businesses' expense			110,063,367	110,063,367
Total expenditures		37,495,069	412,173,914	449,668,982
Increase in net assets		44,886,325	81,644,393	126,530,718
Beginning net assets		168,908,244	207,478,370	376,386,614
Ending net assets	$	213,794,568	289,122,763	502,917,332

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Net Assets
September 30, 2006

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	$	52,702,351	112,144,250	164,846,601
Receivables		410,373	23,279,023	23,689,396
Inventory			4,305,806	4,305,806
Prepaid expenses			5,817,633	5,817,633
Other Assets			15,545,566	15,545,566
Fixed assets		160,742,536	217,685,308	378,427,844
Less payables		(60,692)	(89,654,823)	(89,715,515)
Net Assets	$	213,794,568	289,122,763	502,917,332

Southeastern Art Show features artistic excellence

As part of the 2006 Chickasaw Festival activities, the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities once again hosted the annual Southeastern Art Show and Market (SEASAM) for Native American artists across the country.

The show was open to all artists of Southeast and Woodlands tribes and included entries from members of each of the Five Civilized Tribes. Types of work included textiles, paintings, weaving, wood carvings, metalwork, photography, pottery, jewelry, sculpture and more.

Artists, who were juried into the market by a panel of judges, were also able to enter the art show to compete for a number of cash awards. Cash prizes were given to first, second and third place winners in each category, and medals and cash awards were awarded to Best in Division and Best in Show winners.

The winners selected in each category were:

• Painting – Mary Howard (Muscogee)

Mary Beth Nelson (Cherokee)

Dana Tiger (Cherokee)

• 2-D Open – Daniel Howard (Chickasaw/Choctaw)

Fran Rice (Chickasaw)

Georgie Greenwood Frazier (Chickasaw)

• Pottery/Ceramics – Scott Roberts (Muscogee)

Joanna Underwood (Chickasaw)

Scott Roberts (Muscogee)

• Sculpture – Jerry Haney (Seminole)

Jerry Haney (Seminole)

Kelley Lunsford (Chickasaw)

• Miniatures – Daniel Worcester (Chickasaw)

Lorie Robins (Chickasaw)

• Jewelry – Joshua Hinson (Chickasaw)

Lorie Robins (Chickasaw)

Lorie Robins (Chickasaw)

• Textiles/Weaving – Patta Jost (Choctaw)

Sophia Perry (Chickasaw)

Sophia Perry (Chickasaw)

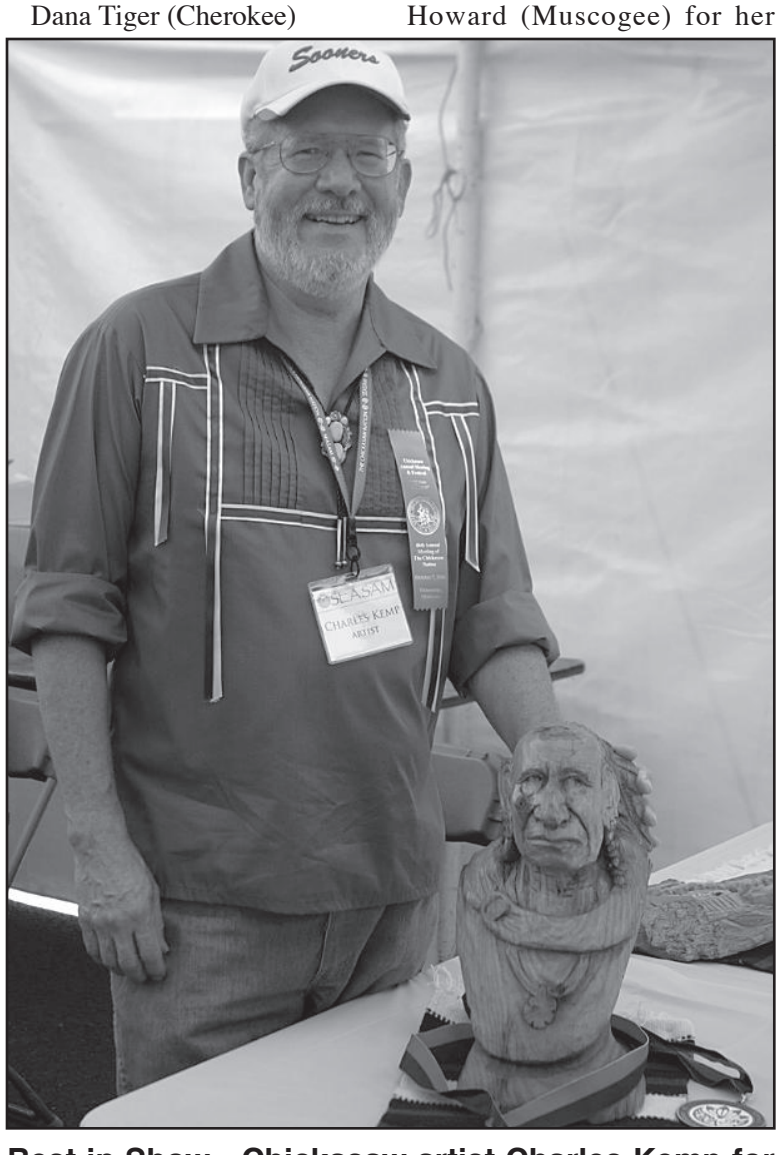
• Cultural – Scott Roberts (Muscogee)

Michael Cornelius (Chickasaw)

Jerry Haney (Seminole)

The winners selected for each division were:

• Best in Division 2-D – Mary Howard (Muscogee) for her



Best in Show - Chickasaw artist Charles Kemp for his wood sculpture entitled "Black Spot."

From left, Brad Lieb, Joanna Underwood, Dr. John P. Dyson, Charles Kemp, Gov. Bill Anoatubby, JudyLee Oliva, Dr. Matt Despain, Lt. Governor Keel, Rose Jefferson, Kevin O'Brien, Thomas Roy, Dr. Paul Lambert and Scott Roberts.

• Best in Division Cultural – Scott Roberts (Muscogee) for his four piece pottery set entitled "Black Drink Set"

• Best in Show – Charles Kemp (Chickasaw) for his wood sculpture entitled "Black Spot"

Southeastern and Woodlands artists who are interested in future shows and markets, or would like to be included in the Chickasaw Nation Art Directory should contact Arts Instructor Trina Jones at trina.jones@chickasaw.net or (580) 332-1092.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

Joanna underwood with her winning Best of Division 3D water bottle.

Rose Jefferson receives Silver Feather Award

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - Chickasaw Elder Rose (Shields) Jefferson was recently honored with the 2006 Silver Feather Award at the annual Chickasaw Arts & Culture Awards ceremony October 5 in Tishomingo.

The Silver Feather Award is presented each year to a Chickasaw citizen who works to preserve Chickasaw traditions, culture and values through actions or deeds. Rose Jefferson does just that with her willingness to share with those dedicated to learning the Chickasaw ways.

"Rose is an invaluable asset to our people," Governor Bill Anoatubby said. "Her contribution to this tribe will be felt for generations to come."

Mrs. Jefferson was born at Talihina, Oklahoma on July 25, 1944 to Minnie and Joseph Shields – both full-blood Chickasaw. She is one of 11 children, and all four of her grandparents are original enrollees.

She married a Chickasaw/Choctaw man, Gene Jefferson, and together they have three daughters and six grandchildren.

She serves on the tribe's language committee, helping set standards for components of tribal language and publications. She participates in numerous senior citizen projects and meetings throughout the year. She is often requested to sing in Chickasaw at funerals and to prepare traditional dishes for events. Pashofa is a favorite dish of Mrs. Jefferson and her family. She uses the same recipe her mother used when she was growing up.

Mrs. Jefferson is also always willing to help anyone seeking to learn quilting, cooking or canning. She is always available when certain Chickasaw words are forgotten or difficult to pronounce. She can be depended on to teach Chickasaw traditions and values at all times, and is well known and respected in her tribal community.

"It means a lot to me to receive this award," Mrs. Jefferson said. "I can hardly believe it. I'm just proud to be Chickasaw and proud to be able to speak the language."

Rose Jefferson's dedication to the preservation of Chickasaw traditions is evident and therefore the Chickasaw Nation is honored to name her the 2006 Silver Feather Award recipient.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

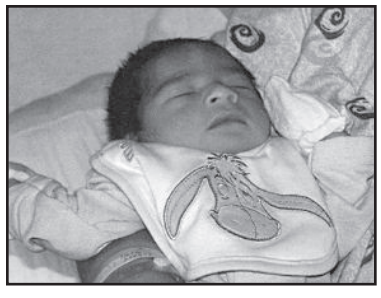
Births

Ethan Crawford

Ethan Martin Crawford was born Aug. 10, 2006 at Norman Regional Hospital, Norman, Okla.

He is the son of Sarah and Eddie Crawford. He has an older sister, Jacie.

He is the grandson of John and Nadine Underwood and the great-grandson of Ruby Underwood.



Tenetke Culberson

Tenetke Culberson was born at 8:20 am Sept. 19, 2006 at Carl Albert Indian Hospital, Ada, Okla. He weighed 6 lbs., 9 oz., and measured 19 inches at birth.

He is the son of Sara Herrera and Kenneth Culberson, Jr., and the brother of Mahli Herrera.

His maternal grandparents are Evelyn Battist, Coalgate, Okla., and Jorge Herrera, Tulsa.

His maternal great-grandparents are Geraldine Greenwood, Latta, Okla., and the late Virgil Greenwood. Paternal grandparents are Laquita Culberson, and Stella and Kenneth Culberson, Sr. all of Ada.

Bryce Davis

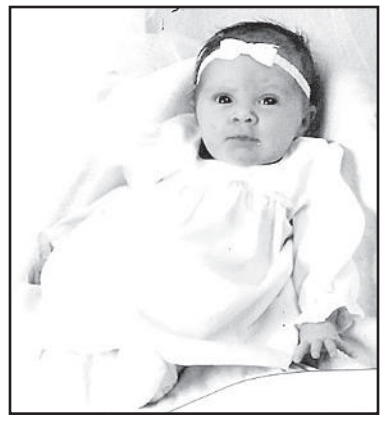
Bryce Michael Davis ws born Sept. 14, 2006 at Scott & White Hospital in Temple, Texas.

He weighed 6 lbs., 14 oz., and measured 18 inches at birth.

He is the son of Tommy and Ginger Davis of Morgans Point, Texas.

He has one uncle, Richard Davis of Belton, Texas.

He is the grandson of Tommy and Carolyn Davis of Belton. He is the great-grandson of Charles and Betty Davis of Kingston, Okla., and the great-great-grandson of original enrollee the late Vivian and Earnest Wallace.



Christabella Malone

Christabella Hope Malone was born Sept. 14, 2006. She weighed 7 lbs., 9 oz. and measured 18.5 inches at birth.

She is the daughter of Chris and Melanie Malone, Schertz, Texas.

She is the granddaughter of Georgia and Walt Malone, Ada, Okla., and Raul and Maria Gutierrez, Schertz.

Campbell DeSosa

Campbell Mataya DeSosa was born Oct. 9, 2006 at 3:30 p.m. in Honolulu, Hawaii.

She weighed 6 lbs. 6 oz. and measured 19 ½ inches at birth.

She is the first born of Jon and Chandra (Nickell) DeSosa.

She is the granddaughter of Jerald and Lynda Nickell of Kingston, Okla. She is the great-granddaughter of Tommy and Mary Nickell of Roff, Okla., and the great-great-granddaughter of Sadie Hearrell of Mill Creek, Okla.

Kaylee and Macyee Davis

Macyee Davis announces the birth of her baby sister, **Kaylee Cheyenne Davis**. Kaylee was born Aug. 14, 2006 at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility, Ada, Okla. She weighed 7 lbs., 8 oz., and measured 19 inches at birth.

She is the daughter of Billy and Michele Davis of Ada.

She is the granddaughter of Virgil and Ramona Walker of Allen, Okla., Esther and Clay Steen of Oklahoma City and Billy Hamilton of Ada.

She is the great-granddaughter of Pauline Walker of Ada and Jim Davis.

Maddyson Specht

Maddyson Paige Specht was born 11:34 a.m., August 17, 2006 at Carl Albert Indian Hosptial, Ada, Okla. She weighed 6 lbs., 3 oz., and measured 17.2 inches.

She is the daughter of Robert and Tiffany Specht of Francis, Okla.

She is the granddaughter of Maxine and Neal Rice of Francis and Debbie Ross- Monis of Tampla, Fla.

Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council to meet at tribal training center

Effective November 9, the Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council Meetings will move to a new facility for monthly meetings. The council currently meets the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. The new location will be the Chickasaw Training Center located at Tri-City in the old Wal-Mart building.

We have guest speakers at every meeting and this month we had Karen Cook from the Senior/Aging Department and she gave an excellent presentation of all the benefits available to the 60 and over members of the Chickasaw Tribe. We also had Sue Linder from the Division of Heritage Preservation give a brief presentation of the new Cultural Center that is being developed at Sulphur.

We encourage all Chickasaw members to attend the community council meeting and get in touch with what is going on and changing in the tribe. Great things are happening to the Chickasaw community and we all need to be aware of the changes.

We would like to thank the Tuttle Senior Center for allowing us to use their building until we obtained our new meeting place. Hope to see everyone on November 9 at the Chickasaw Training Center in Tri-City.

OKC Council sets upcoming meetings

The next meeting for the OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council is Tuesday, November 7 at 7 p.m. Sandi Sanders and other representatives will be speaking about health services available to Chickasaws outside the Nation.

One or more artists will be exhibiting their work at each monthly meeting. Interested artists should contact Betty Smith at 405-348-7459.

The Chickasaw Historical Society will be selling calendars and Journals at the November meeting also.

Sue Fish will begin teaching Basket Weaving on Saturday, November 11, 9 to 11 a.m. Members should signup for the class during the monthly meeting or contact MaryAnn Lee at 341-7874.

Stormy Bryant will continue to teach the beginning Chickasaw Language class on Thursday at 7 p.m. For more information cal 405-755-6983.

The OKCMCC December monthly meeting will be Tuesday, December 5 at 7 p.m.

Our Annual Christmas Dinner had been scheduled for Saturday, December 9 at 11:30 a.m. The meat and drinks will be furnished by the Council. Members are requested to bring a side dish and chairs as we expect a large turnout. Entertainment will be announced later.

All activities are conducted at the OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council House located at 3301 East Reno in Oklahoma City. For more information, call 405-348-7459 or visit the OKCMCCC website at www.okc-chickasawcouncil.org.

Betty Smith, Chair 4 0 5-348-7459

MaryAnn Lee, Vice Chair

Joanna Gardner, Treasurer

Charlotte Hulsey, Secretary

Members at Large: Pat Bartmess, Pam Conard, Janey Dutnell

Young Chickasaw attorneys sworn into Chickasaw Bar Association

From left to right, Chickasaw Nation District Court Judge Dustin Rowe, Jeff Keel, Jennifer Barnes, Kaycie Sheppard, Charlotte Claborn, and Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court Justice Barbara Smith.

On September 28, four of Oklahoma's newest attorneys were sworn into the Chickasaw Nation Bar Association.

Jefferson Troy Keel, Jennifer Denoya Barnes, Kaycie Michelle Sheppard, and Charlotte Linn Claborn, all East Central University alumni and successful July 2006 Oklahoma Bar Examination examinees, were previously sworn into the Oklahoma Bar on September 26, 2006.

The Chickasaw Nation Bar ceremony was held at the Chickasaw Nation District Court. Judge Dustin Rowe performed the ceremony and Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court Justice Barbara Smith honored the inductees with her presence.

Mr. Jeff Keel, Esq., is a graduate of the University of Tulsa College of Law. Keel has served in numerous capacities with the Chickasaw Nation, and currently serves as Associate General Counsel for Chickasaw Enterprises. Keel is also admitted to practice law in the State of Oklahoma and the Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court.

While in law school, Keel earned a Certificate in Native American Law, was a member of the Native American Law Students Association, serving one term as Treasurer, and was also a member of Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity. Keel earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and sociology and a Master of Science degree in human resources from East Central University in Ada, Okla.

He, his wife Falisha, and daughter Lindsey reside in Sulphur, Okla. Keel is the son of Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel and his wife Carol, of Sulphur, Okla. His brother Thomas Keel resides in Ada with his wife and three children, and his sister Kristen Schexnayder resides in Moore, Okla., with her husband and three children.

Keel is the grandson of the late Freeman and Hilda Keel of Tishomingo, and the late John P. Whitworth of Coleman, Oklahoma and Betty Whitworth of Denison, Texas.

Jennifer D. Barnes, an Ada native and proud member of the unconquered and unconquerable Chickasaw Nation, is a member of the Byng High School Class of 1998, an honors graduate of the East Central University Class of 2002, and most recently, a graduate of the University of Houston Law Center in 2005.

While a student at the Law Center, she served as the school's Student Bar Association President. Barnes was the first Native American to ever hold this office and the first woman in 10 years.

She also served on the Dean's Advisory Council, was a member of the Environmental Law Society, the Christian Legal Society, and Delta Theta Phi. Barnes was a Dean's Scholar, an ABA Legal Opportunity Scholar, an AIGC Scholar and was named Aspiring Youth Volunteer of the Year for the Law Center in 2003.

Barnes is the daughter of Sharon Kendrick, of Ada, and Terry Barnes, of Lumberton, Texas. She is the granddaughter of Marie Mello of Hanford, Calif., Buel Barnes of Truman, Ark., and the late Rubin and Murial Frazier of Stonewall, Okla. Barnes is currently serving as a Staff Attorney and Assistant Prosecutor for the Chickasaw Nation Division of Justice.

Kaycie Sheppard is a 1999 graduate of Roff (OK) High School and a 2002 graduate of East Central University with a Bachelor of Science degree in legal studies. Sheppard continued her legal education at Oklahoma City University School of Law, where she earned a Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, in May 2006.

While in law school, Sheppard was a member of Phi Delta Phi, a legal honors fraternity, earned a CALI Award (a distinction for the highest grade in a course) in Criminal Law, and was on the Dean's and Faculty Honor Rolls. Sheppard is the daughter of David and Krista Byers, of Roff and the granddaughter of Ellease Byers, of Roff, and Harold Thompson, of Tecumseh, Okla. She and her husband Cody live in Roff and have a 20-month-old son, Nate. Sheppard is currently employed as a Contract Attorney by the Legal Department of Chickasaw Enterprises.

Charlotte Claborn of Ada, Oklahoma earned a Bachelor of Science degree in legal studies from East Central University in 2002 and continued her legal studies to earn a Juris Doctorate from Oklahoma City University in 2006.

Claborn is a member of the American Bar Association's Young Lawyers, Construction Law, Family Law, Solo Practice, Litigation, Employment Law, Constitutional Law, and Judicial Law Divisions. She is a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association and serves on the Pro Bono Panel for Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma. Claborn is married to John Claborn and they have two children, Colton and Haeley. Claborn is the daughter of Faye Dowell and Jim Mullins, both of Ada, and the granddaughter of Polly Pauline Ellis, A. Dowell, Lahoma Wright and Jesse Mullins.

She is the great-granddaughter of Vinia (Couch) McAlester and Paul Ellis. Claborn is currently working as a solo practitioner in Ada.

Congratulations to the Chickasaw Nation Bar Association's newest attorneys!

Chickasaw Council of Wichita set to meet November 19

WICHITA, Kan. - The Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita, Kan., has begun an exciting journey. We have had three meetings so far and the response is great. The Chickasaw Nation has been so helpful with providing much needed support of wonderful speakers and representatives from various departments and Legislative Representatives.

We will soon be gathering family stories and anectdotes from our local Chickasaws that will be written to a booklet and possibly on a CD. We want to do that so we can share them with each other and anyone else who may be interested. We encourage Chickasaws in our area to contact our officers for further information.

Pam Harjo, our vice-chairperson, is leading the way for Native Americans in our area to participate in The 6th Annual Trail of Tears Memorial Walk on November 4. This event will honor our Native American ancestors and will support today's Indigenous families and youth, calling attention to the new Trail of Tears - the health crisis for Native Americans. Walkers are welcome to carry their Tribal Nation's flag and dress in tribal regalia.

Following the Walk we will celebrate with a traditional meal of corn/beef soup and frybread. Health stations - diabetes screening, blood pressure checks, vision screening, oral health screens, HIV testing, and prevention education - will also be available. Come support all Nations as we walk for our people. "It's good medicine."

Our next Chickasaw Community Council meeting is scheduled for November 19 at the Indian Methodist Church, 1111 N. Meridian at 3 pm. We will have representatives from the Chickasaw Nation Health Department. There will be free flu shots available for anyone that may want one courtesy of Hunter Health Clinic. We also plan to have some copies of the new book that our tribe has published – *"Chickasaw Unconquered and Unconquerable"* - available for purchase ($45). Come, be with us and join in the new project of gathering our Chickasaw stories.

For further information, contact Lynn Stumblingbear at 316-945-9219, email

lynnstumblingbear@hotmail, or Pam Harjo at 316-636-1273, email

pharjo@hunterhealthclinic.org

OU sophomore named Leadership Scholar

Benjamin Bigbie

Benjamin Bigbie was recently named a University of Oklahoma College of Arts and Sciences Leadership Scholar for the 2006-2007 academic years.

Bigbie was on of the 25 sophomores selected for the program based on the strength of his academic record and leadership qualities. As a Leadership Scholar, Bigbie will provide student leadership for the College and participate in a program featuring guest speakers, discussion groups, interaction with the Arts and Sciences Board of Visitors, and service projects to enhance his leadership abilities.

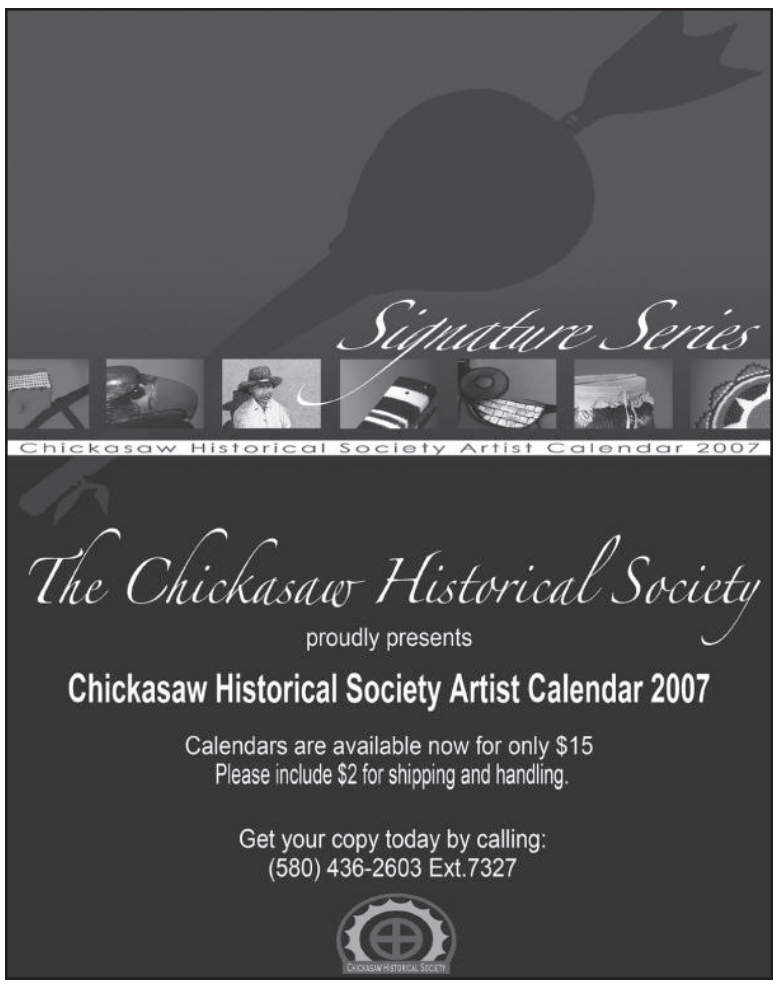
Bigbie was also the recipient of a University College **P**articipation, **A**chievement, **C**ommunity, and **E**xcellence (PACE) Award. Only one percent of freshmen entering OU the fall of 2005 were accorded this honor. He was nominated for the award by his academic counselor/advisor.

Bigbie is a 2005 graduate of Norman (Ok) North High School and is currently a premed sophomore at OU.

His parents are Bane and Melanie Bigbie, of Norman. He is the grandson of Bane and Faye Bigbie, and the late Wilma Bigbie, of Ringling, Okla.; and Anne Wise Eldridge, and the late Jim Bill Wise, of Tulsa.

He is the great-grandson of Anne Riley Wise, of Okmulgee, Okla.; and the late Fanny Jewell Coffey Bigbie, an original Chickasaw enrollee.

Bigbie's family still owns and operates a cattle ranch on the land in Ringling which was allotted to Jewell 100 years ago this year.



Chickasaw Honor Club offers incentives to students for scholarship, attendance

Beginning with the 2006/2007 school year, the Governor's Honor Club will become the Chickasaw Honor Club. The programs will continue to offer incentives in the form of Wal-Mart gift cards, field trips, and t-shirts to qualifying Native American students attending a participating JOM school or qualifying Chickasaw Citizens who participate through the in-state/out-of-state program.

Over the years, the program has grown to include 56 JOM schools within the Chickasaw Nation boundaries, as well as over 275 Chickasaw students who participate through the in-state/out-of-state program. This number continues to rise and as word of the program spreads. Chickasaw student attending private school/home schools are also eligible for the Chickasaw Honor Club through the in-state/out-of-state program.

Along with a new name, the program will begin serving 2nd grad students for the first time since its inception in 1997. Native American students in grades 2-12 earning A's or A's and B's/B's each grade period earn a Wal-Mart gift card. For A's, students receive a $25 Wal-Mart gift card and for A's and B's/B's, students receive a $10 Wal-Mart gift card. These incentives are the same for the in-state/out-of-state Chickasaw students.

There is great excitement over the two new programs being offered this school years through the Chickasaw Honor Club. These programs are available only to Chickasaw students.

The first program being offered is Chickasaw Honor Club Perfect Attendance. To qualify for this program, students must have a certificate or card showing proof of Chickasaw citizenship and must have proof of perfect attendance each grade period. Students within a participating JOM school will be submitted by the school coordinator, while students not attending a participating school will submit proof of perfect attendance directly to the Chickasaw Honor Club office. Students achieving perfect attendance will receive a $25 Wal-Mart gift card and one t-shirt per school year.

The second new program is Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement. This program recognizes special achievement in a specific area. Students wishing to apply for the award must be nominated by someone at their school and must include a one-page biography for consideration.

This program is open to Chickasaw Citizens in grades 2-12, and students will be recognized for this award one time per school year. Students who have an IEP are also eligible to participate in this program by showing proof at the end of each school year that gains and or objectives were met. Students selected each month for Outstanding Achievement receive a $25 Wal-Mart gift card, along with a special recognition in the Chickasaw Times.

For more information regarding these programs, visit www.chickasaw.net, www.chickasaweducationservices.com, or call 580-421-7712 and speak with Beth Campbell or Callie Roebuck.

Customer Service Survey on the web

Chickasaw citizens who complete a new tribal customer service survey will have the opportunity to win $100.

Chickasaws can access the Customer Service Survey by going to the tribal website at www.chickasaw.net. The survey seeks input from citizens regarding tribal programs, services and customer service.

Once you have completed the survey, you can enter the $100 giveaway. The $100 will be given away each quarter. Winners will be announced in *the Chickasaw Times*.

Customer Survey winner!

Congratulations to the $100 cash winner of our Customer Survey: Joy Johnson of Edmond, Okla.

Please submit your comment on the Customer Service Survey on-line at:

www.chickasaw.net <http://www.chickasaw.net/> and enter for the next quarterly drawing.

Chickasaw youth

From left, Jordan "Chubba" Stick, Michael Stick, Chelsea "Sissy" Wedlow, Thirkiel Wedlow. These Chickasaw youth were in attendance at the recent Listening Conference in Oklahoma City.

Mr. Hackler taught himself, then others

Music is free, but a great teacher is priceless

Colbert Hackler plays a big band tune at his home in Norman.

Colbert Hackler is quick to say he isn't much of a violin player. But when this man of almost 90 picks up the violin, he takes on the appearance of a man half his age.

His fingers fly and his face lights up as he coaxes a lively tune out of the instrument.

Mr. Hackler received a violin as a gift at age eight years of age, but there was no teacher in the small town of Ravia, Okla., where he lived at the time.

That was no problem for Mr. Hackler, who taught himself to play by listening to "The Light Crust Dough Boys" on the radio. That was before Bob Wills changed the name of the band to the Texas Playboys.

After his family moved from Ravia, he took lessons from a teacher in Ardmore and played at the Methodist church in Ringling with his friend Bill Moore.

More than eighty years later, Mr. Hackler still enjoys playing.

"I don't play as well as I used to I'm sure. But I get satisfaction out of playing some of the old tunes," he said with a look of joy on his face.

Perhaps the only thing that brings more joy to his face is talking about his students.

Mr. Hackler, professor emeritus of music education at the University of Oklahoma, has dedicated his life to teaching music to thousands of students in a career that has spanned more than 60 years.

"I enjoy the teaching. I like to see the children learn and get better," he said.

Mr. Hackler is a member of the Oklahoma Bandmasters Hall of Fame, the Oklahoma City University Hall of Fame, and received the Good teaching Award while at the University of Oklahoma.

All this success came despite the fact that he didn't initially intend to pursue a career in music or education.

"I kept books, so I was in business at OCU," he said. "But I was in the orchestra and I took violin lessons, so I just gradually, I don't know when, I gradually went into the music school.

"In those days, you didn't get an education degree, you just got a bachelor of music degree and the public schools knew it was for that."

Mr. Hackler began his career in Elk City, Okla. While there, he served as band and choir director at the high school and junior high, director of the Sweet Adelines women's chorus, director of the Barber Shop men's chorus and bus driver.

He also served as director for the choir at the Elk City Methodist church and gave private lessons to thousands of students in the small town.

"I like to do things," he said with a smile. "I like to use my talents, whatever I have. I enjoy the people I work with."

While in Elk City, Mr. Hackler's students earned superior ratings at state band contests for 14 consecutive years, which helped the school earn a reputation as one of the premiere band programs in the state.

"We had some good reports and some good contest ratings and I'm proud of that, of course," he said. "But I'm also proud of the fact that in all those years we never had anyone hurt on a trip.

"When we'd get back from a game it might be midnight, and Elk City isn't that big, but they couldn't walk home. So I would take them home."

While he said he has had to slow down because of some health problems, Mr. Hackler still gives private lessons to about 40 students in his home.

He also teaches some adult students, including 71-year-old retired Major General Jerry D. Holmes.

"He learns pretty fast. He never practices, though. He'll say 'I haven't practiced since last time,'" Mr. Hackler said with a chuckle. "We play and he learns. He's smart.

"We play duets when he comes and we talk quite a bit too."

While he seemed to tolerate his friend's lack of commitment with good humor, discipline is something he has instilled in countless students through the years.

"Some don't practice as much as they should, but that's the only way to learn it is to play it over and over again to reinforce it," he said, adding that persistence is important in music and in life.

One of his former students, James Eng, has performed with the Musica Bella orchestra, the Brooklyn Conservatory Community Orchestra, the Brooklyn Brandenburgers and Broadway Bach. Eng is also pursuing a career in orchestral administration.

Although Eng may be the only student to pursue a career in music, many others went on to achieve success as doctors, educators, businessmen, husbands, wives, mothers and fathers.

Many of those students would no doubt attribute at least some of that success to some very important life lessons learned during their time with this man of modesty, intelligence and wisdom.

At almost 90, he has outlived many of those students.

"One of my cherished friends I started teaching when he was in fourth or fifth grade went on and became a heart surgeon. He did bypass heart surgery. He had cancer and died early. Another boy that was a trumpet player, he died not too long ago."

Mr. Hackler eventually moved to Norman where he taught at the University of Oklahoma, where he taught instrumental music and voice.

He said another reason he moved to Norman was to pursue his doctorate in music education.

"It took me a long time, but I finally finished that."

Mr. Hackler still takes a group of musicians to nursing homes once a week to play for the residents, many of them younger than he.

"We play the big band tunes, and that's what those people in the nursing homes grew up on. You don't hear the big band tunes much any more."

Although he has played for pay on a few occasions, he would never think of taking money for those performances.

He said the way some people try to put a price on music has become a problem.

"Music is free," he said. "It's just sort of a subjective thing because you can't figure how much it's worth to play.

"I never was a great violin player. I tried to be a good teacher. And one reason is, if I am a good teacher, is because I've lived through that, I know just how it feels."

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Chickasaw words and phrases

I have come to visit. Chin chokkaalaa minti'li tok.	It's good you came. Chokma, ishlaka.
I'm leaving Ayala chi.	I'll see you again. Chipisalacho anowa.
You must come back. Ishlashki.	
Are you hungry? Chi hopoba?	I'm hungry. Sa hopoba.
I want to eat. Impa sa banna.	I want some water. Oka sa banna.
Do you want to eat? Impa chi banna?	Let's eat Ilimpa
Lets go eat. Impa iliya	Come and eat Minti cha impa
To eat Impa Eat (something) Apa	Are you full? (after eating) Chi kaiya? To have dinner Tabookoli impa
Turkey Chaloklowa	Potatoes Ahi
Sweet potatoes Ahi champoli	Corn tanchi
Pumpkin Osto	pecan osak falaa

Chickasaw composer prominent in 'Classical Native' production

Jerod Tate

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Jerod Tate, a Chickasaw composer of classical music, played a prominent role in a first-of-its-kind event Oct. 5 through 8 at the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C.

Tate participated in virtually every aspect of "Classical Native," a series of recitals, chamber concerts, and discussions featuring American Indian classical composers and musicians.

"It was very successful," said Tate, who was very pleased with the opportunities the event created to meet and work with other American Indians in the classical music field. "There were two musicians who came from Alaska. We ended up meeting in D.C. and we wouldn't have been able to do that if this venue wasn't provided."

He said Classical Native will "definitely" become an annual event.

"There will be one next November and then the concert. So people can look forward to it. They can look at that as an event that's going to continue at the National Museum.

"And as it grows there will be more and more artists who gain that exposure."

Narrator R. Carlos Nakai and members of the Contemporary Music Forum performed Tate's "Spirit Chief Names the Animal People" at the museum's Elmer and Mary Louise Rasmuson Theater for students in the area.

Tate said a total of about 400 students attended the concerts.

"They liked it," he said. "They had a good time. It seemed like they had fun and that was the intent of the children's concert that I was involved in."

The Contemporary Music Forum performed one of Tate's compositions during a 4 p.m. Chamber Concert Sunday, Oct. 8 at the Rasmuson Theater.

Steven Alvarez (Mescalero Apache/Yaqui/Upper Tanana Athabascan) also performed a solo piece for timpani by Tate.

Tate also took part in a roundtable discussion with other American Indian composers, including Raven Chacon, Dawn Avery, Barbara Croall, and George Quincy. The roundtable was moderated by R. Carlos Nakai.

"Those discussions were very similar to any discussion that happens with any artist. Whenever you get artists in the same room people always want to know 'what's it like to be you?'" he said with a laugh. "Obviously there is a little difference in that it's not commonly known in mainstream society that there are Indian classical artists. So obviously, that's of particular interest to people.

"It's the normal intrigue of artists with a little more intrigue because we're Indians," he added.

Editor's note: Tate wrote the music for "Indian Country Diaries: A Seat at the Drum" the first of a two-part documentary to air on PBS in November. Information about the film is available at http://www.pbs.org/indiancountry/ <http://www.pbs.org/indiancountry/> .

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CHICKASAW COMMUNITY COUNCILS MONTHLY MEETINGS

~~~ Meetings are subject to change, please call the contact person to confirm ~~~

Ada Chickasaw Community Council
Ada, OK
3rd Thursday at 6:30 pm
Marie Bailey Community Center
Lura Mullican
580-272-5085
l.mullican@chickasaw.net

Connerville Area Chickasaw Community Council
Connerville, OK
Tue. before the 3rd Fri. of the month at 6:30 pm
Connerville Chickasaw Senior Citizen Site
Emma Mcleod
580-371-2361
emma.mcleod@chickasaw.net

Duncan Chickasaw Community Council
Duncan, OK
1st Monday at 6:30 pm
2414 Harris Drive
Sherri Rose, Chair
580-255-0152
wildrose6739@sbcglobal.net

Johnston County Chickasaw Community Council
Tishomingo, OK
3rd Monday at 6:30 pm
Call for location
Ann Fink, Chair
580-371-3351
flora.fink@chickasaw.net

Marshall County Chickasaw Community Council
Enos, OK – 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 pm
Enos Fire Department
Sara Lea, Chair
580-564-4570
lsar747@duracom.net

Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council
Tuttle – Blanchard – Newcastle - Minco Area, OK
2nd Thursday at 7:30 pm
Call for location
Jeanette Haywood, Chair
405-381-4101
jeanette.haywood@yahoo.com

OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council
Oklahoma City, OK
1st Tuesday at 7:00 pm
Chickasaw Council House
3301 E. Reno
Oklahoma City, OK
Betty Smith, Chair
405-348-7459
pikeycrossing@yahoo.com

Purcell Chickasaw Community Council
Purcell, OK
4th Tuesday at 6:00 pm
Regional Office – 1601 S. Green Ave.
Keith Shackleford, Chair
405-527-5745
lowakchuffa@yahoo.com

COLORADO ~~~
Chickasaw Community Council of Colorado
Denver, CO
2nd Saturday at 11:30 am
Call for location
Carol Berry
303-235-0282
Chickasaw303@yahoo.com

CALIFORNIA ~~~
Chickasaw West Community Council
Temecula, CA
3rd Saturday every other month for lunch
Country Garden Café
Sharon Tandy, Chair
818-985-8392

Inland Empire/Desert Cities Chickasaw Community Council
Banning, CA
3rd Thursday at 6:30 pm
Call for location
Lynn M. Dorrough, Chair
909-213-7273
liknryn@hotmail.com

KANSAS ~~~
Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita, KS
Wichita, KS
3rd Sunday at 3:00 pm.
Call for Location
Lynn Stumblingbear, Chair
316-945-9219
lynnstumblingbear@hotmail.com
Pam Harjo, Vice-Chair
316-393-0696

TEXAS ~~~
Chickasaw Community Council of South Texas
San Antonio, TX Area
Call for time and location
Michele Moody, Chair
210-492-2288
mmoody@docuguides.com

North Texas Chickasaw Community Council
Dallas/Fort Worth Area, TX
3rd Saturday every other month
Call for location
John C. Atkins, Chair
972-271-0692
Linda Hewitt, Secretary
214-543-1080
Lhewitt9@netzero.com

Madill Senior Site offers variety of activities for seniors

Derron Stowers works on a puzzle after lunch in the lounge area at the senior site.

Someone once said, "If you have one good friend, you have more than your fair share."

Truly good friends are sometimes hard to come by. But at the Madill Senior Site, it seems that good friends are always plentiful.

The site, located on Highway 70 headed toward Oakland, is home to a group of seniors who have developed friendships among each other.

Some have been visiting the site since it opened in the early '90s, while others have only been members a couple of years. But, time doesn't seem to matter here. Good friends are good friends, no matter what the starting date.

Winnie Bennett, a member since 1992, enjoys the daily meals and says, "I love to come because everyone here is my friend. I like to see everyone."

That is evident when each member walks in the door and is greeted by a chorus of "hello." These kind and caring friends are genuinely happy to see each other.

They sit around the lunch table and share stories of past trips and events - stories of bus rides, shopping sprees and dancing 'til dawn.

"We have a lot of fun," says site member Sue Richards. Known for her many moves on the dance floor, Mrs. Richards ends up being the subject of many of those lunch time stories.

"I figure life is short, you might as well enjoy it," she said.

Site member John Gardner echoed Mrs. Richards' statement replying, "You've got the right idea there!"

That's what these Madill seniors seem to be doing - enjoying life, enjoying the good food and enjoying each other.

"The food and the fellowship are why we keep coming," says long-time site member Jessie Sandefur. "We are all thankful for this site and really appreciate it."

"If we didn't come here, we wouldn't get to see our friends," added Wanda Columbus who has been attending the site since 1992.

And friends are what it's all about.

Site member Evonne Harper summed it up best, "We have a site full of love. Everyone gets along and likes each other."

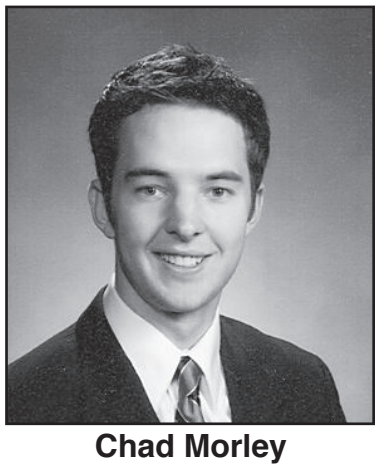
It seems simple, but when good friends are hard to come by, it's good to know that these seniors have created a place where good friends are plentiful.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

Site members Jessie Sandefur and Pauline Maxwell help serve lunch to the other seniors each day. Several of the seniors volunteer their time at the site helping with lunch, fund raisers and special events throughout the year.

Community Health Representative (CHR) Meredith Benson checks site member Eula Gipson's blood sugar. Benson makes weekly visits to the site to check the seniors' blood pressure, blood sugar and overall health.

KU student honored



Chad Morley

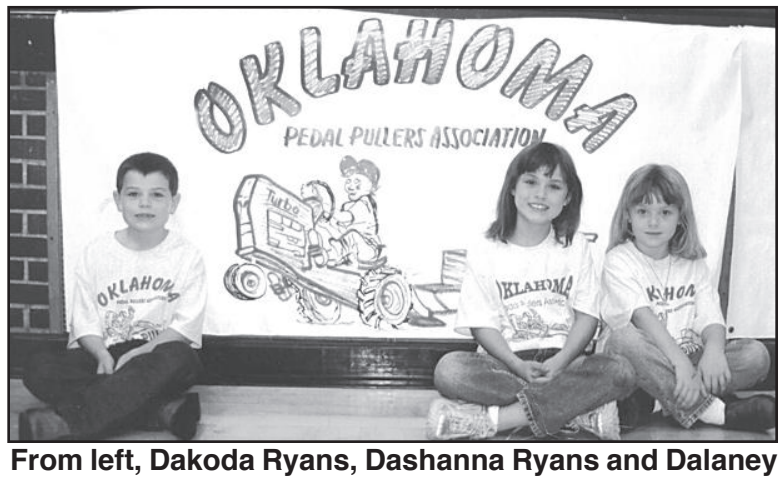
A Chickasaw student at the University of Kansas has recently been named to a leadership organization.

Chad Thomas Morley, of Overland Park, Kan., has been recognized as a member of Sigma Alpha Lambda, National Leadership and Honor Organization at the university.

Sigma Alpha Lambda is dedicated to promoting and rewarding academic achievement and providing members with opportunities for community service, personal development and professional fulfillment.

Morley is the son of Peter and Barbara Morley.

Siblings motor along at pedal tractor pull events



From left, Dakoda Ryans, Dashanna Ryans and Dalaney Ryans.

Several Chickasaw children recently competed in kiddie pedal tractor pull events.

Six-year-old Dalaney Ryans, took second at the Grady County Fair, second at the state pedal pulls event, and 13th at the national event in Mitchell, S.D.

Seven-year-old Dakoda Ryans also took second at both Grady County and state, and finished 26th at the national event.

Nine-year-old Dashanna Ryans took third at Grady County, fourth at state, and she made the trip to the national event.

The Ryans' mother is Stormy Ryans, of Alex, Okla., who is the great-granddaughter of original enrollee Mintie Lewis.

BIA work capacity firefighter tests set for December at ECU

The Bureau of Indian Affairs fire suppression program will administer a work capacity test on several dates in December.

The tests will be conducted beginning at 10 a.m. and ending at 2 p.m. on December 1, 2, 9, 10, 15 and 16. The tests will be conducted at the track facility at East Central University, Ada, Okla.

A current physical examination is required in order to take the test.

If you are interested in taking the work capacity test and becoming a Chickasaw firefighter, please contact the BIA Chickasaw Agency to complete the required forms. All forms must be completed and returned at least one week prior to the work capacity test.

For more information, contact Tommy Schultz or Joe Lail at (580) 436-0784.

This list of Chickasaw veterans is published as part of Veterans' Day observances to honor those who have served or are currently serving in the armed forces of the United States.

All Chickasaw veterans are eligible to receive a jacket and a medal recognizing and commemorating their service.

For information or assistance, or to add a Chickasaw veteran who does not appear on this list, call (580) 226-4821 or 1-888-808-9508 (toll free).

Abbott, Monroe Army Sgt. 1945
Adcock, David Eugene – Army (ret.)
Adkins, William Powell Jr. US Navy Signalman First Class 1952-1972
Alberson, Steven
Ahtone, Mary – Army E-3 – 1962
Aldridge, Gene – Army Cpl. – 1955
Aldridge, Phillip – Navy Cmdr. – 1994
Allison, Matt – Navy
Allison, Robert Wade - Army
Andrews, Earl L. Army WWII - Died on Rhine River April, 1945
Andrews, Vernon, R. Army 1st Cavalry WWII 1946-1948
Anoatubby, Russell – Air Force AIC - 1960
Apala, Michael – Air Force reserve
Armstrong, Kerry M. - Army
Asbury, Ed Army WWII
Atkins, Dave Bailey, Larry WWII
Baptiste, Arch - Army
Barber, Terry Paul
Barker, Terry Paul - Army
Barnoski, Matthew - Air Force 43rd Logistics readiness Squadron Osan, South Korea - 1999-2005
Beck, Eddie* Army Vietnam Era
Beck, Eddie G. - Army
Beck, Jimmy Army Vietnam Era
Beck, Tommy Army Vietnam Era
Benson, Billy – Army Air Troop Cpl.
Berna, Amber
Beshirs, Joe – Navy – Seaman 1st Class – 1945
Beshirs, Larry Dale
Blocker, Edward L.
Blocker, Ronald O.
Bolen, Joseph Army WWI Camp Devens, Mass.
Bomboy, John – Army Spc. 4th Class - 1965
Brassfield, Earl Ray
Britt, Charley - Army Quartermaster Corp, WWII – Pacific
Brooksher, Larry, Army Private - 1967
Brower, Kelly
Brower, Kelly Homer – Navy
Brown, Jerry L.
Brown, Kennedy - Army
Brown, Leon – Army Sgt. – 1988
Brown, Louie – Army Sgt. – 1969
Brown, Milton – Air Force Sgt. – 1969
Bruton, Scott Alan - Marines
Burkhart, Bernard – Army Sgt. E-5
Burris, Monroe –
Burton, Richard – Army Lieutenant Colonel - 1970 – 1991 Vietnam era veteran
Bryant, Tommy Lee Air Force Vietnam Era
Burton, Richard
Byars, Harrison
Byers, Jerry Duane – Air Force Major – 1982
Capes, Walter – Navy Sea Bees Seaman 1st Class – 1946
Cardinal, Leo Jr. – Air Force Air 1st Class – 1957
Carter, George W. Army – WWII – Korean Conflict
Carter, V.C. – Marines Cpl. - 1946
Carter, Woodrow - Army-Navy 1st Class - 1942
Carter, Virgil E. Marines Dec 8, 1942-1946 Corporal
Chambers, John W. – Army
Chambers, John W. Jr. - Army
Cheadle, Overton – Navy 1st Class Petty Officer – 1946
Cheadle, Robert M. – Marines – Vietnam era 1966-69
Cheadle, Tammie
Clark, Donald C.
Clark, Donald R. Korean Era 332-1319
Clark, Leslie - Navy
Clark, Samuel – Army Staff Sgt. – 1953
Clow, Angelique Estelle
Cohee, Larry E. – Army N.G. Spec. 5 Discharge Oct. 31, 1967
Cohee, Carson – Army Pvt. 1st Class - 1958
Cohee, R. C. – Army E-7 – 1978
Colbert, Bruce Ray - Army
Colbert, James Marines E4
Cole, John - USAF – 1966069
Colee, Larry E. - Army
Collins, Virgil Cornelius Navy Dec 1941 – Aug 1945
Connelly, John W. - Ary Cpl. Twelfth Infantry, Co. H. WWII
Connelly, R.E. Army PFC Infantry - 1946
Connelly, William Ambrose - Army WWI
Cooper, Tom – Army Sgt. 1st Class - Vietnam Era – 1992
Coyle, RC. – Marines – Cpl - 1944
Cravatt, Munsy
Cravatt, Lee
Cravatt, Wayne
Crow, Lavoyd Lee – Air Force
Crow, Samuel Franklin – Air Force
Culbert Cubby -
Cumins, Eddy - Air Force Materiel Command - Currently serving in Iraq
Curtis, Elmer Navy WWII
Darter, Ralph – Army Pvt. 1st Class – 1955
Davis, Larry Neal - Marines
Davis, Randall, E. Army 716th MP BN
Dunn, Billy Joe Navy Vietnam Era (gun boats)
Dunn, Mike - Army
Dunn, Ray - Army E-5 - 1973
Durant, Preman John Army WWI Company E 357th Inf. 90th Division
Duston, Guy - USMC Cpl E-41963-1967, AF-SSgt. - E-5 1967-1971
Ebisch, James - Army
Edwards, Leon – Navy Sea Bee 2nd Class – 1946
Egge, Val Jack – Marines E-3 – 1962
Ellis, John – Army E-4 - 1968
Engle, David
Farris, Amos
Farris, George Perrin
Farris, David Thomas
Farris, Joe Weldon
Farve, Emil Jr. – Army
Folsom, Charles - Army
Frazier, Bill – Marines Cpl. – 1957
Frazier, Leonard Ray
Gaskell, Mary Alice
Gibson, Lenard
Gilmore, Owen – Coast Guard Boatsman 2nd Class – 1945
Goforth, Bill – Army Staff Sgt. – 1945
Goforth, Murray – Navy PN 2nd Class – 1953
Goodman, Oscar – Army - Reserve
Goodwin, Billie, J. - Air Force - 1956-76
Gorrell, Dixon – Ma4rines Cpl. - 1945
Grace, Jackie C. Navy U.S. Navy Aviation AD2 March 1952-February 1956
Green, Carl – Army Spc. 4 - 1965
Greenwood, Leon Army Vietnam Era
Greenwood, Robert Marines Vietnam Era
Greenwood Earl - Marines
Greenwood, Sim – Army Pvt. - 1946
Greenwood, Virgil J. WWII Served on the USS Boston
Grellner, Thomas - Navy
Grellner, Tom - Navy Cryptology Detachment - 1985-present
Grizzle, Dr. John Dale – Army
Grizzle, John Dale II - Army
Guardalibene, Chuck
Guess, Earnest - Air Force Sgt. – WWII 1945
Guiou, Russell Alan – Army N.G.
Haddock, Nicky M.

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Hammond, Mark Army Spc 5 - Med Specialist - Currently serving in Baghdad, Iraq
Harlin, James Jr. – Air Force Cpt. – 1946
Hartwell, Joe – Army Cpl 54th Div. – 1955
Hartwell, Edward – Army Sgt. - 1945

Hartwell, Porter – Army Cpl. – 1955
Hawkins, Larry – National Guard Major – 2000
Hawkins, Joseph C. – Army Pvt. - 1966
Hawkins, Kenneth* Vietnam Era
Hawley, Ronald W. Army Vietnam Era
Hawley, R. Michael Navy U.S.S. Independence 1966
Hamilton, Andris
Hamilton, Joseph
Hankey, Don Reid
Harris, Delos - Army, WWI
Hayes, Ron - Marines
Hays, Wiliam – Army Spc. 4 – 1968
Heald, Kenneth Dale – Air Force
Heath, Sandra Kay - Marines
Henry, Terry - Army
Henry, Terry F.
Hensley, Harold – Navy Seaman 1st Class – 1945
Hensley, Jackie – Army Medical Corp Master. Sgt. – 1952
Henson, Ivy Navy Seaman 1st Class – 1959
Hickman, James – Army Lt. – 1960
Hicks, Deloyd – Navy TM 2 (ES) 1964
Hodges, James – Army Staff Sgt. - 1973
Holder, Johnson
Holt, Gale B. - Merchant Marines - WWII - (given veteran status after war)
Inmon, Regina Bond – Air force
Ivey, Lonny D. - Army
Jack, Billy – Navy
Jackson, Floyd* Korean War
Jackson, Reynolds H. - Marines
James A. Howard – Army PFC - 1945
James, Alvin – Army PFC 1st Class Vietnam, Korean wars – 1955
James, Overton Navy 1943-1946 Carpenter's mate second class
Navy reserve 1947-1952
OK. National Guard 1954-1957
James, Jimmy
Jennings, Robert
Johnson, Bobby – Navy E-4 1968
Johnson, calvin – Army Pvt. 1st Class – 1948
Johnson, George – National Guard Staff Sgt. - 1997
Johnson, Elvis Army Persian Gulf 101st AB 1986-1994
Johnson, James Air Force T Sgt. 1968
Johnson, Victory e. – Army Pvt. – 1946
Jones, Charles lee -
Kale, Claywood D. Navy WWII
Kale, Carroll Wayne Army Berlin Crisis – Korean War – Vietnam Era
Kale, Douglas Army - 1389th BBQ Bermuda Base Command Sergeant
Kale, Henry A Jr. Army Korean War
Kale, Jack C. Navy WWII
Kale, Kenneth M. Navy Korean War
Kale, Wilson Army 1940-1945
Keel, Jefferson Vietnam Era
Keel, Lewellyn – Air Force Sgt. – 1945
Keel, Tommy Vietnam Era
Kelley, Mark Owens Navy Second Class Petty Officer UT2 NMCB 23
Kemp, Raymond H. US Army World War I
Kemp, Joe Carr US Army World War II and the Korean War
Kemp, Charles H. US Air Force 1957-1960
Kennedy, Patrick Navy 1984-1986
Kennedy, William D. Navy WWII
Kimberlin, Dave - Navy
Kinney, Mack – Army Sgt. – 1945
Krebbs, Ralph Odell
Lacy, William Herschel
Lake, Larry G. – Army
Laughlin, Tommy Eugene
Lawson, Benny – Army Sgt. – 1960
Leader, Rick – Army
Leslie, Harvey L. – Army
London, Murphy Lee – Army
Longacre, J.C. – Air Force
Love, L. D. Army Pvt. 1st Class 25th Div – 1961
Love, Lester – Marines-PFC
Lyda, Dottie – Army – Captain
MacDonald, George Daniel – Army
Malaney, Dennis – Army
Malaney, jerry - Army
Marler, Loretta – Navy – SA
Maytubby, Army - WWI (1917)- Camp Merrritt, N.J. Born - Reagan, Okla.
Maytubby, Lymon J. - Army Captain - Vietnam Era
McCormick, Nicky – Navy – Seaman 1st Class
McCoy, Samuel – Army – ES
McCurry, Donna
McDonald, Gerorge Daniel – Army
McDonald, James – Army –
McKellop, Cody - U.S. Army - Nov.17, 1969-Aug.22,1972
McKellop, Cody Kim
McKellop. Louie
McKee, Johnnie
McNeely, William C.
Mead, Billy – Army – Ret. Chief Wrnt Officer 2
Mellor, William Bruce* - Army Korea 40th Infantry Division
Melville, Newton Navy 1942-1945 Pacific (USS Chicago (sank) USS Guam)
Metzger, Steven - Army eight years service - Later awarded Purple Heart for injuries received as a civilian military employee in Iraq 2005.
Miller, Bobby William
Mitchell, Billie Louise - Army
Mitchell, Jay - Army National Guard Chief Warrant Officer
Mitchell, V.D. – Marines – Gunnery Sgt.
Moody, Steven Douglas – Army
Moore, James D. L. Jr.
Moore, Tommy L.
Morin, Lavern P. P.F.C. June 1943-Dec 1945
Mose, Dorsey
Mowdy, James Keith
Mulligan, Lura
Mutz, Louis Platoon Sergeant
Ned, Morris – Army
Ned, Morris Aubrey
Ned, Morris Homer -
Ned, Morris Ridgely - Army
Ned, William, Navy – E-5
Ned-Deal, Amanda
Neumeyer, Matthew P. - Army Company Cmdr. - Kuwait, Kosovo, Iraq - 1995 graduate of West Point military academy serving his second tour of duty in Iraq, is stationed in Fallujah training Iraqi special police.
During his first tour of duty, Capt. Neumeyer received a Bronze Star for Valor
Nichols, Robert E. USCG - Seaman First Class, - WWII 1942-45 Anti submarine warfare
Norman, J.D. – Army/Navy – GM2/MSG
Norman, Jerry
Norman, Weldon – Army – 1st Class
Norton, Joe Allen – Army N.G.
Norvell, John – Army – SP-4
Norvell, Perry – Marines – Pvt.
Norvell, Glynn – Army – Sgt.
Orphan, Rita – Navy – E-3
Orphan, Levi – Army – Airborne Master-Seargent
Orr, Joe – Army – SFC

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Owens, Frank – Army – PFC (Aircraft)
Owens, Benny – Air Force – Private
Owens, Johhny (Buck) Korean War
Palmer, Eddie
Palmer, Frank Benjamin – Army 1944-48
Parker, Ron – USMC – Sgt.
Parnacher, Floyd – Navy – Apprentice
Paul, Larry J. – USMC - 1965 - Bronze Star
Paul, Stephen S. Marines 1966-1972
Paul, Tommy Allen – Army
Paul, William D. Marines – Vietnam 1967-69
Payne, Jerry Navy Nov 1966-Aug 1970
Percival, Howard – Navy CB – 2nd Class
Perry, Jim – Army – S-4 Sgt
Perry, Lee Roy – Army N.G.
Pershica, Jerry Lee
Pershica, M.F. – Army – Private-Combat Engineer
Pettigrew, William – Air Force – Cpl.
Pich, Charles
Pich, David Army Vietnam Era (retired)
Pich, Jackie R.
Pich, Joseph
Pich, Michael
Pich, Randall
Pich, Roger L.
Pich, Russell
Pittman, Kenneth – Army – PFC
Poe, David – National Guard – Staff Sgt.
Poe, J.C. – National Guard – Staff Sgt. E6
Polk, Tommy dean
Poteat, Micheal – Army
Powell, Clifford Alan – Army Spc. 4 1973-1976
Powell, Joel Preston, Sr. – Army 1917
Powell, Johnny Thomas – Navy – April 1943- June 1951
Powell, Robert Lynn – Army Spc. 4 1968-1971
Puller, John – Army – Tech 5th 2nd Division
Pulliam, Elliott – Army – PFC
Pulliam, Marvin – Army – E-4
Quincy, W.W. (Bill) Jr. WWII
Ramsey, Tecumseh – Army – Staff Sgt.
Ratliff, John * Normandy Invasion –Battle of the Bulge
Ray, Brian Wade - Navy
Ray, Jerry
Reams, Ms. Terri – Air Force ANG
Reed, Mike
Reed, Warren – Army-USAF – Sgt.
Reed, Hiawatha – T/5
Reed, Paul – Army – PFC
Reich, Dana Army
Renfro, Gary Don - Army
Rich, Perry - Marines - 1977-1984
Richards, Charles – Army VetCorp – Sgt.
Richardson, Johnny – Army - Private
Rider, Anthony "Tony" - USMC - served in Iraq March 2003 - Oct. 03
Ridley, Jerry – Army – Cpl.
Riggs, Darral Wayne - Navy
Roberts, Brenda
Roberts, Hubert Dennis – Air Force
Roberts, Hubert Dennis Jr. – Air Force
Rodden, Jimmy - Army
Rodke, R.B. WWII Col.
Rolin, Roy WWII – Korean
Ross, Herman Wilson* - WWI Pacific
Ross, Bob – Army – Sgt.
Saiser, Richard R. - Air Force FAC-interpreter - Vietnam Era
Sanders, James Hugh
Sands, Johnny ray
Scoggin, Henry B.* - StaffSgt. Company C. 99th Chemical WWII 1942-45
Scott, Jimmie - Army Reserve Major - active duty in Camp Ashraf, Iraq Nov. 2003-2005 (present)
Scribner, Theodore Roosevelt - Army Major - Served in Vietnam served from 1965-1985 - Bronze Star for his service in Vietnam and received three Americorps medals and an Army Commendation medal during his 21-year career.
Sealey, Lenard
Sealy, Ben
Seeley, Bernie – Army – SSG
Seeley, Joseph Booth – Army Sgt. – WWII – deceased
Seely, Leslie
Shavney, Beulah M. - WArmy Aux Corp May 1943-Aug. 1943 Army WAC Aug. 1943-Dec.1945
Shearer, Philip Rannel – Army N.G.
Shields, Charles - Army
Shico, Donald * Vietnam Era
Shipman, Floyd – T-5
Smith, Harris Stephen II
Smith, Vera
Snider, Elisha Jeremy - Army Specialist - Bronze Star, National Defense Ribbon and numerous other awards for his acts of bravery while on patrol near Baghdad, Iraq. Feb. - July 2004.
Snyder, Brian Karl - Army Artillery - Vietnam Era
Snyder, Clifford Gene- Army 504th MP Battalion - Vietnam Era
Spivey, Hubert Girwood - Army
Spivey, J. Bryan
Spradlin, Joshua P. - Navy Master of Arms Seaman Apprentice - Keflavik, Iceland
Spradling, Jason Army Persian Gulf
Stephens, James R. Navy E1
Stephens, Theea
Stephenson, Thomas, - Air Force
Stevenson, Charles Army/USAF
Stick, Martin C. Jr. - Marines
Still, Jessie Lee
Still, Joel
Stout, David Ray Army Vietnam
Straughn, Marlin
Strickland, J.W. - Navy
Sweet, Bobby Marines Vietnam Era
Sweet, Jerry Marines Vietnam Era
Sweet, David
Swinney, Roy Harvey Navy 1945-1946
Talley, William (Bill) Army Corporal
Thomas, Heck Andrew
Thomas, James Calvin – Army
Thomas, John Navy - USS Flint AE 32, Campaign Desert Shield (1990) and Desert Storm (1991).
Tippen, Robert, II Tex. Air National Guard 1969-75 (713) 988-8094
Tune, Dennis, Larry - Navy
Tune, Leslie Lynn
Tyson, Larry James
Underwood, Benjamin – Air Force
Underwood, David Army 1973-1976
Underwood, David Lynn - Army
Underwood, J.H. Army WWI Pvt.
Underwood, James Army Vietnam Era 1966-1969
Underwood, Jerry Air Force Tech Sergent EL
Underwood, Sampson Air Force E-6
Underwood, Shawn - - Iraq
Underwood, Thedo (Ted)
Vale, John Air Force 1951-1955
Victor, Alfred Civil War Battle of Pea Ridge
Walker, James Charles Korean War
Walker, William Dugles Navy Seaman Second Class USS Oklahoma
Walker, Wordley Natl Guard Army-Private 1st Class
Wallace, Clarence Air Force Airman 1st Class
Wallace, Ludie Army PFC
Walton, Ervin Army Vietnam Era 1967-1968
Walton, Ervin Hosey - Army
Wells, Billy Amon Air Force 1947-1968 Master Sergeant
Wells, Homer Dee – Air Force
Wells, Morgan Navy Seaman 1st Class

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Whitfield, Marion Navy AOM/1C
Whitfield, Michael
Whitfield, Jack US Navy AOM 3C
Whitfield, Billie
Whitfield, Billy Army
White, Walter Ross Army Air Corp WWII Cpl.
Wilcox, Jobelle - Navy Nurse - WWII
Willard, Gaylan - Army
Williford, John Army Air Corp WWII
Williford, Lawrence E. Navy WWII 1942-1945 Pacific
Williford, Samuel F. Army WWII 1942-1945 SSG Pacific
Willis, Jared Army Iraq Purple Heart
Willis, Van Natl Guard Private 1st Class
Willis, Ben Navy 3rd Class
Wilson, Dustin
Wilson, Joseph P. - Army E-5 Vietnam Era Jan. 1966 - Dec. 1968
Wilson, Rex Marines
Wilson, Rick
Wisdom, Lige
Wisdom, Noah* WWII
Wisdom, Noah Jr. - Army
Woods, Robert* Vietnam Era
Worcester, Frank
Worcester, Lester,
Worcester, Melvin
Worcester, Michael
Worcester, Roy
Word, Estill
Wynne, Jimmy – Marines Sgt. Desert Storm 1990-91- Army – Staff Sgt. Operation Noble Eagle 2002-03 – assistance for Katrina victims Okla. Army National Guard
Wright, George Weldon – Army N.G.
Yoakum, Woodrow - Army Seventh Corp 951st F.A.
Yoakum, Woodrow W. – Army Ml Sgt. Discharge Oct. 1945

Family Members

^Andrews, Earl L. Army - 1st Army WWII Died on Rhine River April 1945
^Andrews, Vernon R. Army - 1st Cavalry WWII 1946-48
Submitted by Evelyn Andrews
+++
^Bond, Curtis* - Army
^Bond, George Army WWII (retired)
^Bond, Larry Army
^London, Clyde C. Air Force Vietnam-Korea (retired)
^London, Larry Navy
^London, Gary Army
^London, Murphy Army (retired)
^London, Jeremiah Army
^Phillips, Raymond Army Vietnam-Korea
^Sharpe, Mack Marines
^Hyden, Preston Marines
^Family members submitted by Carmen Sharpe
+++
~Bynum, Joseph R. Army WWII Cpl.
~Bynum, Lola Air Force WWII Cpt. War Department
~Bynum, Ray C. Navy WWII Gunners Mate
~Bynum, Murle C. Navy Korean War
~Bynum, Art Army Korean War Air Photographer/Pilot
~Family members submitted by Lola Bynum
+++
'Byrd, Roy Neal Army WWI Cpl. 111th Eng. 36th Division
'Byrd, Roy Neal Jr. Army 15th Army Air Force 465th Bomb Group
'Family members submitted by Roy Neal Byrd Jr.
+++
Capes, Walter W. Navy Coxman First, WWII Jan. 1941 - June 1945 Pacific
Capes, Bennie G.* - Navy Boatsman Third, WWII Jan. 1941 - April 1945, Pacific
Capes, Robison* Army, Korean War
Capes, David* Army, Korean War
Family members submitted by Walter Capes
+++
Cathcart, Billy W. Air Force
Hollopeter, Wiley Ray Navy Vietnam Era
Hollopeter, Billy Wolf Army Vietnam Era
Family members submitted by Doris Trotter
+++
@Chase, Grove Navy WWII
@Chase, Richard Marines Vietnam Era
@Chase, Danny Air Force Vietnam Era
@Chase, Kennen Marines Vietnam Era
@Family members
+++
-Cheadle, Overton (Buck) - Navy Athletic Specialist, First Class Petty Officer 1943-46WWII
-Cheadle, Robert - Marine Corps Vietnam Era - 1966-69 – Purple Heart
-(Cheadle) Gaskell, Mary Alice - Air Force Captain - 15 years
-(Cheadle) Kline, Tommy - Navy - WWII - 1943-46
-family members submitted by Overton "Buck"Cheadle
+++
Duckworth, Wiley Jay* - Army WWI (Original enrollee)
Duckworth, Wiley Joe - Army WWII
family members submitted by Betty McCullah
+++
~Egge (Jack), Valla D. Woman Marine Vietnam era Parris Island June 1961-Nov. 1962
~Egge, Walter B. Egge IV Navy Lt. Supply officer Bahrain (active duty Nov. 2004)
Submitted by Valla D. Egge (Jack)
+++
>Haddock, Nick Navy Reserve Vietnam Era
>Haddock, Russell Navy
>Family members submitted by Nick Haddock
+++
>Hawley, Ronald W. Army Vietnam Era
>Hawley, R. Michael Navy U.S.S. Independence 1966
+++
<Hayes, Don Army Vietnam Era 1969-1971
<Hayes, Ron Marines Vietnam Era 1966-1969 (sniper)
<Family members
+++
%Hodges, James D. Army Vietnam Era (retired 21 years)
%Ivey, Ronald D. Air Force Vietnam Era
%Hodges, Gary Dale Vietnam Era
%Family members submitted by Lura Mullican
+++
Kale, Wilson Army 1940-1945
Kale, Carroll Wayne Army Berlin Crisis – Korean War – Vietnam Era
Kale, Douglas Army - 1389th BBQ Bermuda Base Command Sergeant
Kale, Henry A Jr. Army Korean War
Kale, Kenneth M. Navy Korean War
Kale, Jack C. Navy WWII
Kale, Claywood D. Navy WWII
Family members
+++
Kincaid, Roy Sullivan* - Army Tech 5th Grade - 1942-45
Kincaid, Robert Louis - Navy Pharmacist's Mate, First Class - WWII
family members submitted by Janis Elayne Healy
+++
Landreth, Dewey W. - USMC - WWII and Korea
Landreth, Robert Z.* - USMC - WWII and Korea
Landreth, Knute* - Army - WWII, Korea and Vietnam
Landreth, Knute Jr. - Army - Vietnam
+++
Neal, Mouzon, E. - Army - WWII - 25 years Army Reserves
Neal, Rev. Oliver B. Jr. - Army 1948-50
Neal, Oliver B. III - Army 1974-76 - Vietnam Era

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Ned, Aubrey - Air Force
Ned-Deal, Amanda - Air Force
Ned, Morris Homer - Army WWII
Ned, Morris ridgely - Army
Burris, Gene - Army
Burris, Odie - Navy
Collins, Lroy - Army
family members submitted by Dawn Ahhaitty
+++
Nowlin, Gary W. - Army - 1978-84
Nowlin, Phillip - Army - 1988-1996
Nowlin, Raymond L.* - Army - Korean War
Nowlin, Raymond L. - Marines - 1974-2004 - personal bodyguard to Henry Kissinger
Nowlin, Steve W. - Army Drill Sgt. 1983-2002
+++
Pich, Charles P. - Army CSM - Vietnam era
Pich, Jackie, R. - Army
Pich, Joseph P. - Army
Pich, Michael - Army
Pich, Randall B. - Army
Pich, Roger L. - Army
Pich, Russell - Army
family members submitted by Roger L. Pich
+++
Pickens, Dave* - WWI
Pickens, John Thomas* - Marine Corps - Korea
submitted by Katherine L. Jones
+++
=Powell, Roy Bert WWI
=Powell, Vernon Ellis Air Force 1928-1958 Master Sergeant
=Powell, John Blair Air Force 1968-1972 Staff Sergeant
=Family members submitted by John Blair Powell
+++
+Smith, E.R. Jr. Army WWII – Korea 1st Sgt. German/Italy
+Smith, Frank Marines
+Smith, Calvin C.
+Duty, David Marines
+Duty, Clint
+Maupin, Tony Air Force
+Maupin, Stephen Air Force
+Family members submitted by Dawn West
+++
Smith, Kenneth D.* - Air Force
Smith, Thomas N. - Navy - Vietnam Era
+++
/Toole, Sherwood Army WWII
/Blocker, Ronald O. Air Force Somalia – Desert Storm (support) (retired)
/Blocker, Edward L. Air Force (retired)
/Blocker, Bruce C. Navy/Air Force WWII – Korean War – Vietnam Era–(35 years service)
/Family members
+++
*&Turnbull, Albert Army WWI Pvt. Co. H 358 Inf. Killed in Verdum, France 1918
&Turnbull, Raymon Army WWII
& Family members submitted by Halgeanee Turnbull Bennett
++
Underwood, John H. Pfc 745 AAA Gun BN CAC, WWII, March 12, 1917- May 1, 1972
Underwood, Cecil H. SP 5, Army Aug. 25, 1941- May 2, 2002
Sons of original enrollee Louis Underwood
family members submitted by
+++
#Williamson, Daniel Army Vietnam-Korea
#Scott, Bill Army Korean War
#Carter, George Army WWII-Korea
#Williamson, Arthur Army WWII
#Williamson, Daniel Army Spanish American War
#Williams, Jacqueline Army Persian Gulf
#Williamson, Jay Navy Persian Gulf Era
#Williamson, John Army Somolia-Iraq
#Williamson, Shawn Marines
#Wright, Jesse Army Iraq
#Gibbonns, Casey Army
#Scott, Carter Army Korean War
#Submitted by Arthur L. Williamson

Assistance from Division of Housing and Tribal Development

Knowing how FICO (credit) scores work puts you in the driver's seat

You hear a lot about them today because they are for so many things.

Credit scores, or FICO (FICO stands for Fair Issaac and Company) scores, are used as daily tools to determine creditworthiness. Insurance companies have a model score they use to determine if individuals are insurable and at what rate. Apartment complexes use credit or FICO score to determine what type of risk a new tenant might be. Banks use them for auto and signature loans, and of course, the mortgage industry uses them to determine if you are worthy of obtaining a home mortgage to become a homeowner.

What we will discuss will be FICO scores as used in the mortgage and mortgage banking industry. FICO scores ranges from a low of 350 to a high of 850. The higher the score, the lower the risk of the bank or mortgage company making the loan. It would be nice if a higher score resulted in a lower interest rate, but it generally doesn't. A high score, say over 720, will open doors and reduce documentation requirements on all kinds of financial transactions. However, the lower the score, the higher the rate is a very accurate statement.

This article is being submitted because of a phone call. The caller was inquiring about the Chuka Chukmasi program, how it works and who might be eligible for the benefit. When asked about credit, the reply was that it was just "fair." When asked to define "fair," the response was the well; the score is only about 654. That is quite simply not true. A 654 is not fair-it is good!

To know there are mortgage companies and loan officers that mislead homebuyers about their credit just to make more money has been an irritant for several years now. So we are contributing three articles, of which this is the first, to help you understand about FICO scores, what they mean, how you can change them, and what is included in them.

We want to begin by dispelling some myths that are out there. First, you may have heard someone say that you should ***close accounts before you apply for a mortgage.*** **That is not correct.** One thing the FICO score is measuring, is how much credit is available to you, how "creditworthy" do creditors find you?

Say that you have five accounts-two Visas with a $5,000 limit on each and three department store credit cards with $1,000 each. If you owed nothing on any of your Visas or credit cards, you would have $13,000 of credit available to you. Let's say you decided you don't need two Visa cards, and you close one. What you have done, in effect, is reduced the amount of credit available to you from $13,000 to $8,000. That is seen as being "less" creditworthy than you were. So, don't close accounts, pay them down, pay them off, but don't close them if you are planning a move or major financial transactions within about six months.

You may also hear that you should ***close old accounts***. Again, **not true!** When you close old accounts and only the newer trade lines are on your credit report, it makes your credit appear younger than it is. It could present a picture of you as a new credit user when in fact you have had credit for 20 years, but closed all the accounts over 15 years old that you haven't used. If you don't have to pay an annual fee, and you don't use the credit, it is not hurting you at a zero balance and may be helping you.

There has been a lot of talk about credit inquiries affecting FICO scores and some believe that even ***if you are checking your own credit, it can hurt your score.*** **Nope-wrong again.** There is no harm and it will not reduce your score, for you to order a copy of your own credit report. If you are rate shopping for a mortgage, and you do it over a 30-45 day period, then only one inquiry will actually count in your score during that time period.

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Kirk Perry serves as Chickasaw Foundation secretary

Kirk Perry

Mr. Kirk Perry is the secretary for the Chickasaw Foundation, and has served on the Board since April 2001. He is also the administrator for the Chickasaw Nation Division of Heritage Preservation. His Chickasaw parents are Johnson and Sophia Perry. His education in general business and mathematics at East Central University has helped his careers that include inspection, land survey, architecture and engineering, contract administration for highway, housing and commercial building design and construction.

As former deputy director of the Chickasaw Housing Authority during its infancy in the 1970s, he helped establish new programs. During this time the Chickasaws' successfuol programs became recognized as examples nationally on management and development of Indian housing. Chickasaw programs became the second largest Indian housing authority in the nation in the 1970s.

Knowing the need for Indian housing program training on and the National American Indian Housing while serving both organizations as an officer and board member. He helped establish needed nationwide Indian programs for counseling, project-based budgeting development practices, housing management training and certification programs and professional certification of housing managers while serving on national coalitions.

For over 25 years, Mr. Perry has operated successful businesses including architecture planning and consulting, oil & gas land man leasing, commercial and residential building inspection, and as a general construction contractor before returning to work for The Chickasaw Nation.

Growing up as a Chickasaw makes his present work especially rewarding working with Chickasaw people toward the preservation of Chickasaw culture and history. The Nation has many new growing programs that preserve and revitalize our language, rich history, repatriation and culture. Preservation required partnering with many institutions while dealing with a variety of multi-state federal officials and organizations assuring protection of our past.

Upward Bound students learn at Oklahoma State Fair

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound and Upward Bound Math/Science students attended the Oklahoma State Fair on Saturday, September 16 for their first monthly meeting of the 2006-2007 school year. The students enjoyed the many rides and attractions the state fair had to offer.

The Upward Bound Math/Science students visited the Agtropolis Surgery Center where they were able to watch as veterinarians performed a live spay procedure on a dog. The surgery was broadcast onto television screens outside of the surgery center. The students also enjoyed seeing the friends they have met through Upward Bound who attend other schools served by the program.

Students attending were Justin Costly, Chelsie Courtney, Sharla Dewitt, Elizabeth Elliott, Jessica Fels, Page Riley, Patricia Schwartz, Jacob Standridge, Jen Wall, Kodie Whitbeck, Stephanie Benner, Michael Brown, Christi Coughenour, Amber Gaede, Rebecca Moore, Jenifer Pedigo, Kara Price, Amanda Riley, Jessica Suttles, Ashley Talbott, Tosha Deal, Trey Perry, Kayla Berwell, Stephanie Gutendorf, Isaac Gregg, Riley Harpole, Curtis Harpole, Alex Moore, Angela Moore, Kathryn Robertson, Thomas Ryals and Shantel Taylor. The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound and Upward Bound Math/Science programs serve 150 students in 22 schools within the Chickasaw Nation service area. For additional information, please contact our office at (580) 371-9903.

Friends of the Foundation

Please mark your calendars for the Chickasaw Foundation's 5th annual Friends of the Foundation reception November 17, 2006 at Ada First Baptist Church, Education Building Atrium, beginning at 1:30 p.m. This event will honor our donors and volunteers who give their time, resources and talents to assist with our events, activities and programs throughout the year. The Chickasaw Foundation will present awards, and refreshments will be provided along with an auction of Native American artwork. Please visit our website within the coming weeks to view our auction items.

Employee Charitable Contribution Plan

The Chickasaw Foundation would like to ask the contributors who donate to the Foundation to notify them of any address changes due to the recent 911 laws, or if you have moved. We will need to update your address so that you may receive your year-end tax receipt.

The Chickasaw Foundation donates the money from this plan to local charities and/or organizations. One of the items we established this year was a scholarship for a student at the Chickasaw Children's Village. If you have any questions regarding this scholarship, please call the Chickasaw Foundation offices at (580) 421-9030.

Dream of owning your own home?

CHUKA CHUKMASI is a secondary market Conventional Loan for Chickasaw Citizens and Chickasaw Nation Employees. The CNDHTD can assist you with down payment and closing costs. Qualified borrowers invest as little as $500.00. We offer expanded underwriting guidelines that allow those with less than perfect credit to be approved. There are no income guidelines. Maximum loan amount is $359,650.00 and the minimum is $10,000. In addition we can assist with refinancing for homeowners who want to lower their interest rates and or payments.

NEW CONSTRUCTION LOANS: Are you interested in building your own home? If you have been approved for your 30 year financing, Housing Counseling & Loan Services can provide an interim construction loan for you to build your home. This program is open to Chickasaws and employees of the Chickasaw Nation anywhere in the State of Oklahoma. The interest rate on the construction loan is only 5%, the term is 6 months and be prepared to make interest payments on the construction loan during construction. Please call us for further information.

HOME IMPROVEMENT LOAN PROGRAM: Do you need to make improvements to your home but just don't have the money? Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing & Tribal Development's Home Improvement Loan Program may be the answer. Maximum loan amount is $30,000.00; interest rate is 5% and maximum term is 10 years. You must be able to qualify for the loan, must have fee simple title and cannot already have a 2nd mortgage for home improvements. Available only for Chickasaws and employees of the Chickasaw Nation in the State of Oklahoma. Work must be completed by a licensed contractor.

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Aquatic exercise program designed for arthritis relief

ADA, Okla. – The Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program℠ will be offered starting November 6, 2006 at The Chickasaw Nation Family Life Center. Developed by physical therapists specifically for people with arthritis, this low-impact, joint-safe aquatics program has been documented to help decrease arthritis pain and relieve stiffness while increasing flexibility and range of motion.

The program is taught by Arthritis Foundation certified instructors, each of whom have completed in-depth training on arthritis and the Arthritis Foundation Aquatics Program.

Classes are open to the public and there is no charge to participants.

During the eight-week program, participants will go through a series of gentle movements and activities designed to increase mobility and range of motion. This low-impact class is suitable for every fitness level and can be taken either sitting down or standing.

"In addition to reducing pain and stiffness, the Arthritis Foundation Aquatics Program helps people with arthritis keep joints flexible, maintain muscle strength and build overall stamina," said Shona Lennon of the Oklahoma Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation.

Results are backed by research studies. In one study, individuals who attended the class for four months reduced their pain by 24 percent and increased confidence in their ability to continue activities by 22 percent.

If you think you have arthritis, the Arthritis Foundation urges you to seek an early and specific diagnosis. With more that 100 forms of arthritis and related diseases, a specific diagnosis is critical because each form requires a different treatment plan.

Pre-registration for the Arthritis Foundation Aquatics Program is necessary and enrollment is limited. Classes will be conducted Monday through Thursdays from 11 a.m. to noon.

While the registration deadline for the complete eight-week session is November 3, participants will be admitted if space is available. For more information, contact Melinda Ward or Erica Berryman at 580-310-9661. Before starting any exercise program, always check with your physician.

The Arthritis Foundation Aquatics Program is one of several arthritis health education and exercise programs in the Life Improvement series offered by the Arthritis Foundation to help people take greater control of arthritis. For a listing of programs in your community, contact the Arthritis Foundation at 405-936-3366 or 800-627-5486 or visit the Arthritis Foundation Web site at www.arthritis.org.

The Arthritis Foundation is the only nationwide, nonprofit health organization helping people take greater control of arthritis by leading efforts to prevent, control and cure arthritis and related diseases – the nation's number one cause of disability.

Breastfeeding can lead to reduction in diabetes occurrence

Diabetes is a serious disease that affects the body's ability to produce or respond properly to insulin, a hormone that allows blood glucose to enter the cells of the body and be used for energy. Nearly 21 million children and adults in the U.S. have diabetes.

Breaking the cycle of diabetes is often a concern that plagues families and it is a problem that has troubled physicians for many years. Researchers have found that breastfeeding is the tool that could potentially help break the cycle of diabetes.

Breastfeeding is important to diabetes care because it has many benefits for both the baby and mother. Mothers who exclusively breastfeed their babies for at least two months can protect their babies from developing diabetes and becoming overweight. Breastfed babies may be less likely to put on extra pounds because their mothers respond to the baby's natural cries for food, rather than being on a set schedule. Internal signs to stop eating when they are full, rather than being given a specific amount in a bottle and encouraged to finish it may also aid in the baby's likelihood of putting on extra pounds.

Breastfeeding is important to American Indian and Alaskan Native communities because exclusive breastfeeding for the first two months of life is associated with a 40% reduction in type 2 diabetes among some American Indian communities. Babies who were breastfed are less overweight as adults. The Phoenix Indian Medical Center (PIMC) found that children who were breastfed exclusively for the first six months of life experienced overweight and obesity at a rate of 23% with 64% in children who were exclusively formula fed.

Breastfeeding is recommended for women with pre-existing diabetes or gestational diabetes. Successful lactation requires planning and coordination of care. Breastfeeding lowers blood glucose, often requiring insulin-treated women to eat a snack containing carbohydrates either before or during breastfeeding. Energy requirements during the first six months of lactation require an additional 200 calories above the pregnancy meal plan.

Nutrition requirements during pregnancy and lactation are similar for women with and without diabetes. Medical nutrition therapy for gestational diabetes focuses on food choices for appropriate weight gain, normoglycemia and absence of ketones. For some women with gestational diabetes, modest energy and carbohydrate restriction may be appropriate.

The information in this article was taken from Indian Health Service Division of Diabetes and the American Diabetes Association.

Guy Milner hits 1,000-mile mark on 'Big Apple Walk' at Wellness Center

Guy Milner

Mr. Guy Milner has accomplished a gigantic goal at the Ada Wellness Center.

Beginning April 3, 2006 the Ada Wellness Center started a walking program "The Big Apple Walk." The program consists of walking from the Ada Wellness Center on Seabrook Road to New York City, New York. The distance between the two is 1,301.9 miles. Mr. Milner has walked 1,000 miles as of October 11, 2006.

First place is a three-day, two-night stay at the Winstar Microtel with vouchers for two meals.

Congratulations to Charles Blankenship who is currently in second place with 639.18 miles and Bruce Brents is in third place with 435.65, respectively.

The Ada Wellness Staff is very proud of all their participants who are currently contributing in the walk.

Tribal WIC offers food, nutrition education

The Women, Infants and Children Supplemental Nutrition Program (WIC) is a nutrition program offered by the Chickasaw Nation. WIC Clinics are located in Ada, Ardmore, Tishomingo, Sulphur, Pauls Valley, Purcell and Duncan.

WIC is designed to assist in meeting the health and nutrition needs of growing children from the prenatal period up to age five. The WIC Program offers nutrition education to teach families about nutritious choices, along with a supplemental food package high in protein, calcium, iron and vitamins A and C. The WIC Program helps people improve their diet, get immunizations and health care if needed and promotes breastfeeding as the best method for feeding infants.

To participate in the Chickasaw Nation WIC Program you must:

1. Be a pregnant or breastfeeding woman, or have had a baby in the past six months, or have a child up to five years of age.
2. Meet income guidelines.
3. Have a nutritional screening at the WIC office to see if you are at nutritional risk.

Homeless persons are served immediately upon request if the above criteria are met. Standards for participation in the program are the same for everyone regardless of race, color, national origin, age, sex or disability.

The WIC food package includes milk, cheese, fruit juice, eggs, cereal, carrots, tuna and peanut butter or dry beans/peas and infant formula for infants if needed. WIC has Peer Counselors available to assist mothers who choose to breastfeed in having a successful experience. Electric breast pumps are available for use by WIC participants at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility, Chickasaw Nation tribal headquarters (Ada), and Chickasaw Nation WIC Clinics in Ardmore, Tishomingo, Sulphur, Pauls Valley, Duncan, and Purcell.

In the summer months the Chickasaw Nation WIC participants are eligible for Farmers Market Nutrition Program checks for the purchase of fresh fruits and vegetables at local farmers markets.

For more information about the Chickasaw Nation WIC program, please call (580) 436-7255. WIC has a toll free number for your convenience. The toll free number is 1-888-436-7255.

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Chickasaw kids create top March of Dimes posters

Dylan Harden is surrounded by grandparents, parents and sister as he holds his winning poster. Clockwise from top left are James, Sue, Apryl, Wes and Hannah Harden.

SULPHUR, Okla. - Dylan Harden, a Chickasaw third grade student from Sulphur, created a poster which was sold for $700 in an auction to raise money for families who have children in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at OU Medical Children's Hospital.

A total of $2,500 was raised in the auction of winning entries in a poster contest sponsored by the Sulphur Rotary Club.

Dylan's poster will be framed and displayed at the unit at Children's Hospital.

The poster will be presented to the hospital in a special ceremony in December.

April Harden, Dylan's mother, is a teacher at the school. One of her students, Anna Lawrence, a Chickasaw third grader, won best in show. Her poster sold for $200.

"I was very excited to find out he won. I was very proud," she said. "It's a special organization to us and we really enjoy giving for it. I bought a poster last year because I believe so much in the program."

Inspired by a local mother who saw the needs of families in the unit after her own son was a patient there, the contest combines education and fund raising.

Students watched a video about the life of a local youth who had benefited from the March of Dimes services. They were then challenged to come up with a poster design that depicted their idea of what the world would be like if there were "no sick babies."

Nancy Miller, Division Director of the March of Dimes, said this is the second annual event and both were a great success.

She presented the idea to the volunteer department of the organization in White Plains New York in hopes of having the project adopted March of Dimes chapters nationwide.

"They were ecstatic," said Miller. "There is not another civic club or small town that does anything like this.

"It doesn't matter the size of the community. When your heart is in the right place and you want to save babies, that's what it's all about," she said.

One need which has been met by the effort is providing rocking chairs for each patient in the unit to ensure each parent will be able to rock their sick child without having to wait for an available chair.

Wes Harden is Dylan's father. James and Sue Harden are Dylan's grandparents.

Other Chickasaw students to win awards in the poster contest are listed below.

Second grade winners include Matea Cobble and Sierra Rankin, who won first place in their respective second grade classrooms.

Bowen Imtichey, Austin Young and Kizzie Crouch won second in their respective classes, while Jasmine Rocha Shelby Umsted and Lucretia Jefferson each won third in their classroom.

Third grade winners not mentioned above include Dalton Atchley, who won first place in his class.

Stephanie Brakebill, Spencer Upton, Kenia Rios and Reilly Williams each finished second in their respective classrooms, while Amanda Bolic, Lindsey Lance and Andrea Wilson each finished third in their respective classrooms.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

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important that is.

"We have stories to tell and I want to tell them."

Atkinson was honored for "Splendid Land, Splendid People: The Chickasaw Indians to Removal."

Now retired from a career as a ranger in the National Park Service, he has master's degrees in history and archaeology/anthropology.

Dr. John P. Dyson was honored with a Heritage Preservation Award for his article titled "Chickasaw Village Names from Contact to Removal", published in "Mississippi Archaeology" in 2004.

Dyson taught the Spanish and Portuguese languages at Indiana University in Bloomington.

"I wish I had a whole second lifetime to devote to the Chickasaw language and culture that I have come to love and respect over the past decade or so," said Dr. Dyson, with obvious emotion in his voice. "Whatever time I do have, I will spend it pursuing as much of the rich and often elusive Chickasaw past as I'm able to uncover, understand and pass on to others."

Brad Lieb won a Heritage Preservation Award for his master's thesis in Archaeology, titled "The Grand Village is Silent."

Chickasaw Historical Society Awards were presented to Dr. Matt DeSpain, Richard Kevin O'Brien and Thomas Roy.

Dr. DeSpain, who is editor of the Journal of Chickasaw History and Culture, said "it's wonderful to see the tribe take the lead" among tribes in cultural preservation and history.

"We have set the bar very high for other tribes, and hopefully they will follow," added Dr. Despain.

Rose (Shields) Jefferson was honored with the Silver feather Award for her efforts to preserve the Chickasaw language, traditions and culture.

Charles Kemp was awarded "Best in Show" among artists entered in the Southeastern Art Show and market.

Mary Howard won first place in the two-dimensional division.

JoAnna Underwood won first place in the three-dimensional division, while Scott Roberts won first in the cultural division.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

FICO Scores, continued from page 22

The only time an inquiry on your credit report counts any points against the score, is when you authorize that credit check. New employers, business who want to offer you anew service, creditors with whom you already have credit, none of these will count against your score.

If you have been in any kind of ***credit-counseling program*** in the last four years or so, will that hurt our credit and cause your score to go down? That was true at one time, but not today. About three years ago the points counted against someone for being enrolled in a credit-counseling program were removed and now there are no points counted against anyone for credit counseling. In some respects it is being seen as a responsible step toward changing pay habits for the better and establishing good credit.

You do want to remember that if you are enrolled in a program that is managing your debts for you, and they are paying less than the amount required with no negotiated terms for that reduction, then you have negatives reported on your credit report. Late payments and past due amounts will definitely drive your FICO score down.

There are actually three credit repositories in the USA, that creditors like, Visa, Dillard's, Target and American Express report to regularly on their customer credit habits and usage. But, you need to know that not every creditor reports to all three of the repositories. That is meant to confuse you, and it works.

The three repositories are Equifax, Experian and Trans Union. Anytime that you notice an error on your credit report, you need to make sure that you send the documentation you are provided to evidence the error, to all three of the repositories. They do not share information with each other! Likewise, anytime you check your own credit, you want to order a "trimerged" credit report which will provide you with information from all three repositories on one report.

The Fair and Accurate Credit Transaction Act provides access to credit reports for all consumers on an annual basis. Once a year you may order your own credit report free of charge. There is a minimal charge if you want your FICO scores included in your free report.

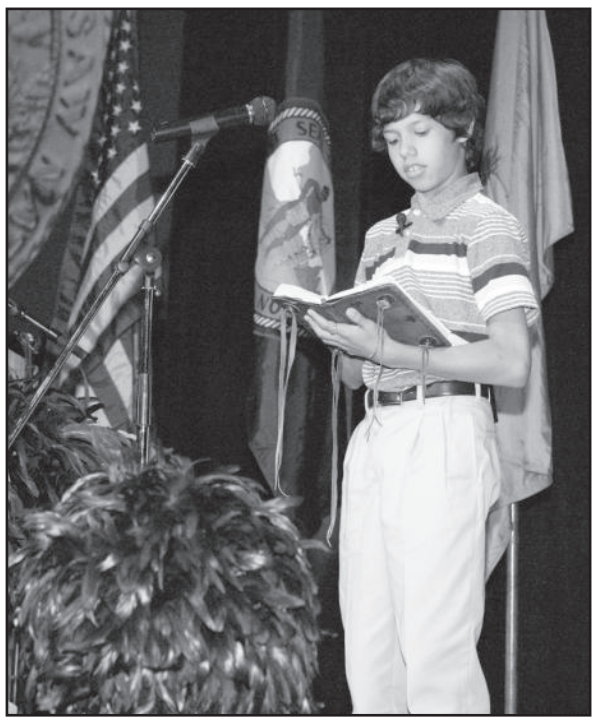
The only way to get your free report is through a centralized source, as a combined effort by the three national repositories. Free reports are available through a dedicated web site, www.annualcreditreport.com. You may also order by telephone at (877) 322-8228 or by mail. http://www.annualcreditreport.com/cra/requestformfinal.pdf

Part II of this story will include: What is an A FICO Score; What is Not in A FICO Score; What's in Your Credit Report; How Credit Scoring Helps You; and How Mistake are Made?

This article is contributed by Lorrie Davis, Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing and Tribal Development, Housing Counseling and Loan Services. For questions about your credit report or to schedule an appointment for credit counseling, please call Kyra Childers at (580) 421-8817.

Annual Meeting

Clockwise from top left, Gov. Bill Anoatubby delivering the annual State of the Nation address; Chickasaw Supreme Court Justice Cheri Bellefeuille-Eldred swears in tribal legislators and judges; the Chickasaw Honor Guard presents the colors; Micah Hart presents historic information during the State of the Nation address; the Chickasaw Children's Choir performs.



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a compact to manage its own health care system the Chickasaw Nation Health System consisted of the Carl Albert Indian Health facility in Ada and clinics in Tishomingo and Ardmore.

This past year alone, the CNHS handled more than 336,000 patient visits, administered more than, 600,000 clinical tests and filled more than 800,000 prescriptions.

Several advances in education were also highlighted.

More than 2,100 scholarships totaling more than $3 million were awarded to students attending colleges and universities. Approximately $2.8 million of that total came from tribal funds.

New programs have also been created to provide funding for books, clothing and to recognize outstanding student achievement.

Adult Learning programs were also mentioned, including GED training and computer training for elders at 11 senior sites throughout the Chickasaw Nation

There has also been an expansion of housing programs.

Chuka Chukmasi Home loan program provided 85 mortgage home loans and provided some families help with down payment and closing cost assistance.

A grant program to provide up to $3,000 in down payment and closing cost assistance, a low income home improvement grant and the storm shelter program have all been expanded to serve Chickasaws regardless of where they live.

Accomplishments in helping preserve Chickasaw culture include the first book published by the Chickasaw Press.

A book signing and launch for "Chickasaw: Unconquered and Unconquerable" was conducted later that day.

"It seems very fitting for this to be the first book published by the Chickasaw Press," said Gov. Anoatubby. "This volume provides a glimpse of the Chickasaw story which will serve as a source of pride and inspiration to Chickasaws and a source of insight to non-Chickasaws."

Somewhat similar to university press operations, the Chickasaw Press publishing company will enable the tribe to print literature of importance to the Chickasaw people.

Proposals to be considered for future publication include scholarly works, children's stories, biographies, history, poetry and others.

Other cultural achievements include the world premiere of a play about Chickasaw storyteller Te Ata, the completion of a series of portraits of Chickasaw elders by Chickasaw artist Mike Larsen and expansion of language programs.

"Twenty years ago we envisioned what we needed," said Gov. Anoatubby. "We needed more and better services for the Chickasaw people. We knew we would need to develop our own tribal economy so we would have the revenues to meet the growing, changing needs of our people.

"We took advantage of every available opportunity. It is amazing what has been accomplished in the last 20 years."

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

2006-07 Chickasaw Royalty crowned

Little Miss Chickasaw Caitlynn Sparlin, Chickasaw Junior Princess Nacobi Walker and Chickasaw Princess Monica Seawright with Governor Bill Anoatubby following the awards ceremony at this year's annual Chickasaw Princess Pageant.

ADA, Okla. – The newest members of Chickasaw royalty were crowned Monday, October 2, by Governor Bill Anoatubby following the annual Chickasaw Princess Pageant at the Ada Cougar Activity Center.

Eleven contestants took part in the pageant. Contestants were judged on written essay, interviewing skills, traditional Chickasaw dress, random questioning, talent and poise. The young ladies chosen to serve in 2006-2007 were Chickasaw Princess Monica Seawright, 19; Chickasaw Junior Princess Nacobi Walker, 14; and Little Miss Chickasaw Caitlynn Sparlin, 7.

"It is always exciting to see such talented and intelligent young Chickasaw women compete for this honor," Gov. Anoatubby said. "We know these young ladies will proudly serve as ambassadors for the Chickasaw people."

The new princesses will spend the next year making more than 40 appearances on behalf of the Chickasaw Nation. They will travel across Oklahoma and several other states.

Chickasaw Princess Monica Seawright, daughter of Anita and Wilson Seawright, is a sophomore at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater. She is a business major.

"Becoming the next Chickasaw Princess will be a privilege," Miss Seawright said. "I will represent the Chickasaw Nation with pride and willingness to carry out all my duties to the best of my ability. I am proud of who I am and I want others to know it."

Chickasaw Junior Princess Nacobi Walker, an Ada Junior High School ninth-grader, is the daughter of Darrell and Johnna Walker.

"As Chickasaw Junior Princess, I would like to learn more about my culture, further my dreams and be a role model for girls younger and older who wish to become an ambassador for the great 'Unconquered and Unconquerable' Chickasaw Nation," Miss Walker said.

Little Miss Chickasaw Caitlynn Sparlin, daughter of Joseph Sparlin II and Clarice Shirley-Monetathchi, is a second grade student at Tishomingo Elementary School.

"I will be proud to represent my tribe," Miss Sparlin said. "I would like to meet new people and try new things."

Governor Anoatubby awarded each new princess with a crown, traditional dress, shawl, sash, trophy, gifts and cash prizes.

During the pageant ceremony, a special tribute was paid to the princesses completing their reigns as Chickasaw royalty for 2005-2006. The outgoing princesses included Chickasaw Princess Tamela Alexander, Junior Chickasaw Princess Jaisen Monetathchi and Little Miss Chickasaw Halley Taylor.

Other candidates in this year's pageant included Jessie Miller, Catie Newport, Pakanli Ramsey, Faithlyn Seawright, Kacie Seeley, Adreanna Underhill, Alexis Walker and Ryan Walker.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

2006 Cultural Evening

Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival Parade

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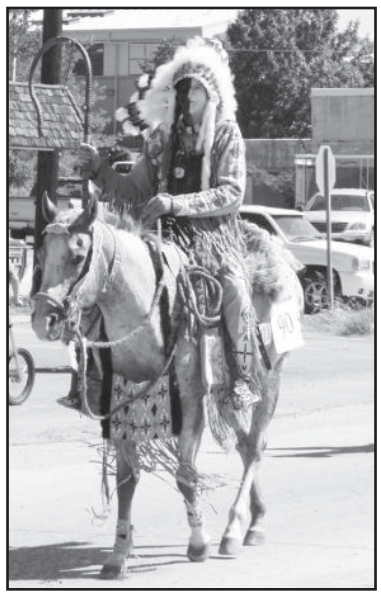
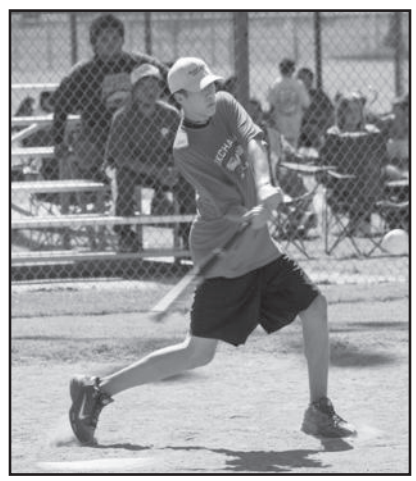


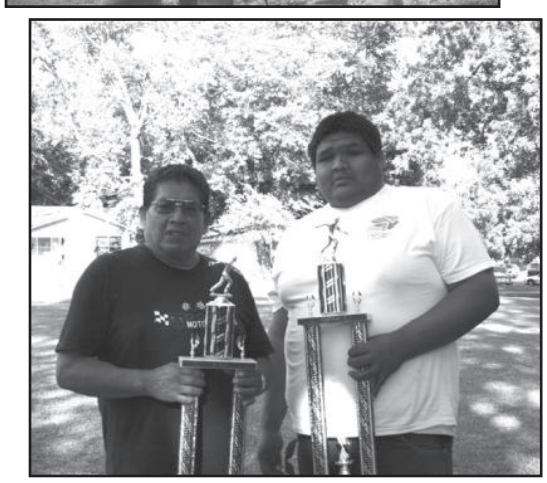
Golf Tournament

First place: David Underwood, Ben Coffee, Derrick Kiel and Diddy Nelson.
Second place: Bryan Pogue, Norma Chaney, Dan McKenzie and Jerry Walker.
Third place: Tom Keel, Tom John, Jessica Read and Scott Elmore.
Women's Long Drive: Roni Jamesmeyer
Men's Long Drive: Britt Johnson
Women's Closest to Pin: Jessica Read
Men's Closest to Pin: Wallace Perrin

Softball



Horseshoe Tournament



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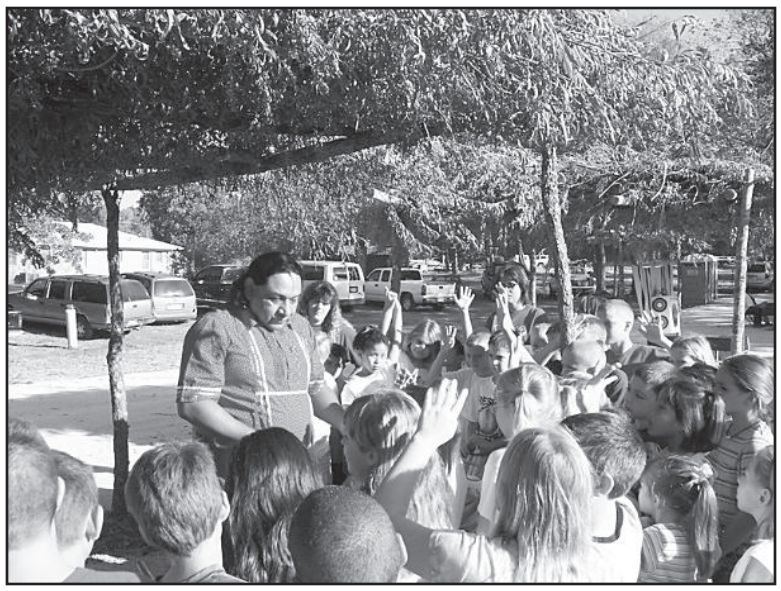


JUNIOR OLYMPICS

Softball Throw

4-5 Boys
1 Taylor Walker
2 Reese Hamilton
3 Jairus Smith

1 Jarrett Ellis
2 Drew Battice
3 Jalen Johnson

1 Sunzie Harrison
2 Zoe Factor
3 Alexis Cardinele

4-5 Girls
1 Katey Walker
2 Dayna Harjochee
3 Jeresis

1 Talon Stidham
2 Kyla Mitchell
3 Butterfly Scott

6-7 Boys
1 Christian Mcgowan
2 Cameron Johnson
3 Tenet King

1 Jayson Ellis
2 Jayston Underwood
3 Dylan Walker

1 Alojhnna Baker
2 Jaden Underwood
3 Alexis Palmer

6-7 Girls
1 Paige Young
2 Neely Wood
3 Jalee Mitchell

1 Elizabeth Taylor
2 Chelsea Wedlow
3 Kai Watkins

8-9 Boys
1 Kanan Wisdom
2 Matthew Hilinski
3 String Lewis

1 Haley Mcgowan
2 Madyser Lucas
3 Sierra Lowe

8-9 Girls
1 Kobi Crossley
2 Charlea Leonard
3 Kamry Walker

SOFTBALL

10-11 Boys
1 Pecos Williams
2 Bradley Reed
3 Cameron Lewis – tie
3 Patrick Leonard

10-11 Girls
1 Morgan Venable
2 Sarah Gross
3 Amanda Carney

1 Trent Davis
2 Littleskye Frazier
3 Phoenix Donahue

1 Nakoma Hazlett
2 Alexis Walker
3 Marissa Shuemake

12-13 Boys
1 Cameros Williamson
2 Nathan Landers
3 Shandy Wade

12-13 Girls
1 Maghen Boissenin
2 Rachel Wainscott
3 Alexis Lewis

Football Toss

4-5 Boys
1 Reese Walker
2 Jarrett Ellis
3 Jalen Johnson

4-5 Girls
1 Sunzie Harrison
2 Dayne Harjocee
3 Alexis Cardinelle

6-7 Boys
1 Dylan Walker
2 Christian Mcgowan
3 Jason Dollar

1 Jaden Underwood
2 Paige Young
3 Neely Wood

6-7 Girls
1 Elizabeth Taylor
2 Angela Postoak
3 Cheyenne Shomo

8-9 Boys
1 Kanan Wisdom
2 Matthew Hilinsky
3 String Lewis

8-9 Girls
1 Kobi Crossley
2 Charlea Leonard
3 Madyson Lucas

10-11 Boys
1 Trent Davis
2 Pecos Williams

10-11 Girls
1 Alexis Walker
2 Morgan Venable

3 Littlesky Frazier

12-13 Boys
1 Cameron Williamson
2 Shandy Wade
3 Nathan Landeros

14-18 Boys
1 Justin Osborn
2 Chris James
3 Riley Walker

SHOT PUT

12-13 Boys
1 Shandy Wade
2 Nathan Landers
3 Cameron Williamson

14-18 Boys
1 Justin Osborne
2 Kyle Dawson
3 Riley Walker

FOOTBALL KICK

4-5 Girls
1 Katey Read
2 Dayna Harjochee
3 Talon Stidham

6-7 Girls
1 Alojhnna Baker
2 Neely Wood
3 Chloe Imotichey

3 Sarah Gross

12-13 Girls
1 Rachel Wainscott
2 Maghan Boissenin
3 Michaela Hazlett

14-18 Girls
1 Ryan Walker
2 Macy Battles
3 Salina Taylor

12-13 Girls
1 Maghan Boissenin
2 Rachel Wainscott
3 Taylor Crossley

14-18 Girls
1 Ryan Walker
2 Macy Battles
3 Breuk Vaughn

4-5 Boys
1 Reese Hamilton
2 Jarrett Ellis
3 Kale Crossley

6-7 Boys
1 Dylan Walker
2 Cameron Johnson
3 Jalen Underwood

JUNIOR OLYMPICS, continued

1 Justice Lewis
2 Haley Ellis
3 Paige Young

1 Megan Carney
2 Jaden Underwood
3 Samantha Chapman

8-9 Girls
1 Charlea Leonard
2 Madysen Lucas
3 Chanena Taylor

8-9 Boys
1 Conner Hamilton
2 Kanan Wisdom
3 Avery Logan

10-11 Girls
1 Amanda Carney
2 Morgan Venable
3 Nakloma Hazlett

10-11 Boys
1 Trent Davis
2 Cameron Lewis
3 Patrick Leonard

12-13 Girls
1 Michaela Hazlett
2 Alexis Lewis
3 Rachel Wainscott

12-13 Boys
1 Cameron Williamson
2 Shandy Wade
3 Nathan Landeros

14-18 Girls
1 Macy Battles
2 Ryan Walker
3 Selina Taylor

14-18 Boys
1 Tim Smith
2 Kyle Dawson
3 Chris James

LONG JUMP

12-13 Girls
1 Maghen Boissenin
2 Holly Rhinehart
3 Rachel Wainscott

12-13 Boys
1 Cameron Williamson
2 Nathan Landeros
3 Shandy Wade

14-18 Girls
1 Macy Battles
2 Shelly Herd
3 Ryan Walker

14-18 Boys
1 Tim Smith
2 Chris James
3 Kyle Dawson

HIGH JUMP

12-13 Girls
1 Michaela Hazlett
2 Maghen Boissenin
3 Rachel Wainscott

12-13 Boys
1 Shandy Wade
2 Cameron Williamson
3 Nathan Landeros

14-18 Girls
1 Macy Battles
2 Shelly Herd
3 Breuk Vaughn

14-18 Boys
1 Tim Smith
2 Chris James
3 Kyle Dawson

4-5 Boys Running Events

50 Meter	100 Meter
1 Reese Hamilton	1 Reese Hamilton
2 Jayden Walker	2 Garrett Trett
3 Jairus Smith	
1 Jared Ellis	1 Silas Lewis
2 Kadin Postoak	2 Jalen Johnson
3 Silas Lewis	3 Drew Battice –tie
	3 Kadin Postoak

4-5 Girls Runnning Events

50 Meter	100 Meter
1 Katey Walker	1 Katey Walker
2 Talon Stidham	2 Sunzie Harrison
3 Sunzie Harrison	3 Talon Stidham
1 Dayna Harjochee	1 Dayne Harjochee
2 Kyla Mitchell	2 Kyla Mitchell
3 Jazmine Tiger	3 Carson Dean – tie
	3 Jazmine Tiger
1 Skie Hoaglin	1 Skie Hoaglin
2 Genesis	2 Genesis
3 Ashlee	3 Zoe Factor

6-7 Girls Running Events

50 Meter	100 Meter
1 Angelia Postoak	Angelia Postoak
2 Haley Ellis	Haley Ellis
3 Jalee Mitchell	Kai Watkins
1 Paige Young	Chelsea Wedlow
2 Chelsea Wedlow	Paige Young
3 Kes Reeves	Kes Reeves
1 Alana Baker	Alana Baker
2 Alexis Palmer	Alexis Palmer
3 Elizabeth Taylor	Elizabeth Taylor
1 Cheyenne Shomo	Cheyenne Shomo
2 Magean Carney	Magean Carneyk
3 Jaden Underwood	Jaden Underwood

6-7 Boys Running Events

50 Meter	100 Meter
1 Dylan Walker	Dylan Walker
2 Dylen Hamilton	Dylen Hamilton
3 Jason Dollar	Jason Dollar
1 Christian Mcgowen	Christian Mcgowen
2 Jayson Ellis	Jayson Ellis
3 Cameron Johnson	Cameron Johnson
1 Jalen Underwood	Jalen Underwood
2 Cody Teague	Cody Tague
3 Harmon Lewis	Harmon Lewis
1 Jayston Underwood	Jayston Underwood
2 Jayson Morgan	Jayson Morgan
3 Cayman Watkins	Garrett Rhynes

8- 9 Boys Running Events

50 Meter	100 Meter
1 Avery Logan	Avery Logan
2 String Lewis	String Lewis
3 Tyler Rhinehart	Tyler Rhinehart
1 Kanan Wisdom	Kanan Wisdom
2 Matthew Hilinski	Matthew Hilinski
3 Thirkiel Wedlow	Thirkiel Wedlow

8-9 Girls Running Events

50 Meter	100 Meter
1 Haylie Negowan	Haylie Negowan
2 Addison Rhynes	Addison Rhynes
3 Kamry Walker	Madyson Lucase
1 Charlea Leonard	Charlea Leonard
2 Sierra Lowe	Sierra Lowe
3 Breannen Eason	Breannen Eason
1 Alyssa King	Alyssa King
2 Chanena Taylor	Cortney Brundidge
3 Cortney Brundidge	Chanena Taylor

14-18 Girls Running Events

50 Meter	100 Meter	200 Meter
1 Macy Battles	Macy Battles	Macy Battles
2 Shelly Herd	Shelly Herd	Shelly Herd
3 Breuk Vaughn	Breuk Vaughn	Selina Taylor

10-11 Boys Running Events

50 Meter	100 Meter	200 Meter	400 Meter
1 Trent Davis	1 Trent Davis	1 Trent Davis	1 Trent Davis
2 Bradley Read	2 Bradley Read	2 Bradley Read	2 Bradley Read
3 Terry Byars	3 Terry Byars	3 Terry Byars	3 Cameron Lewis
1 Phoenix Donahue	1 Phoenix Donahue	1 Phoenix Donahue	1 Phoenix Donahue
2 CJ Dawson	2 CJ Dawson	2 CJ Dawson	2 Patrick Leonard
3 Pecos Williams	3 Patrick Leonard	3 Pecos Williams	3 CJ Dawson
1 Littleskye Frazier	1 Littleskye Frazier	1 Littleskye Frazier	
2 Cameron Lewis	2 Cameron Lewis	2 Cameron Lewis	
3 Felix Mitchell	3 Felix Mitchell	3 Felix Mitchell	

10-11 Girls Running Events

50 Meter	100 Meter	200 Meter	400 Meter
1 Nakoma Hazlett	Nakoma Hazlett	Nakoma Hazlett	Nakoma Hazlett
2 Taylor Mitchell	Taylor Mitchell	Taylor Mitchell	Taylor Mitchell
3 Morgan Venable	Morgan Venable	Julia Miller	Morgan Venable
1 Alexis Walker	Shelby Parnacher	Marissa Shuemake	Shelby Parnacher
2 Marissa Shuemake	Alexis Walker	Alexis Walker	Alexis Walker
3 Rowdy Humphers	Marissa Shuemake	Rowdy Humphers	Marissa Shuemake

14-18 Boys Running Events

50 Meter	100 Meter	200 Meter	400 Meter
1 Tim Smith	Chris James	Tim Smith	im Smith
2 Chris James	Tim Smith	Chris James	Chris James
3 Kyle Dawson	Kyle Dawson	Kyle Dawson	Kyle Dawson

12-13 Boys Running Events

50 Meter	100 Meter	200 Meter	400 Meter
1 Colton Stidham	1 Colton Stidham	1 Colton Stidham	1 Colton Stidham
2 Chad Cloud	2 Chad Cloud	2 Chad Cloud	2 Quinn Simmer
3 Quinn Simmer	3 Quinn Simmer	3 Quinn Simmer	3 Chad Cloud

10-13 Girls Running Events

50 Meter	100 Meter	200 Meter	400 Meter
1 Holly Rhinehart	1 Holly Rhinehart	1 Maghan Boissenin	1 Michaela Hazlett
2 Maghan Boissenin	2 Maghan Boissenin	2 Michaela Hazlett	2 Maghan Boissenin
3 Alexis Lewis	3 Alexis Lewis	3 Alexis Lewis	3 Alexis Lewis
1 Michaela Hazlett	1 Michaela Hazlett		
2 Rachel Wainscott	2 Taylor Crossley		
3 Paige Miller	3 Chenoa Cummings		

'Chickasaw: Unconquered and Unconquerable'

Chickasaw book launch receives enthusiastic response

Gov. Anoatubby signs a copy of "Chickasaw: Unconquered and Unconquerable."

Over 450 books were signed, sold and delivered during the Oct. 7 launch and signing of "Chickasaw: Unconquered and Unconquerable."

This first book published by the newly established Chickasaw Press features color photography by David Fitzgerald, as well as graphics, art, essays, recollections and memoirs of the Chickasaw people from Removal to present day.

Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby, photographer David Fitzgerald, authors Jeannie Barbour, Dr. Amanda Cobb, Linda Hogan and more than two dozen of the Chickasaws who appeared in the book were on hand to sign copies during the unique event.

"This is really a fantastic day in the Chickasaw Nation," said Gov. Anoatubby, who expressed his appreciation to Fitzgerald and all the people involved in creating the book.

"We wanted this book to be about the wonderful Chickasaw people, and I think we've accomplished that," he said.

Fitzgerald is a three-time Oklahoma Photographer of the Year and was inducted into the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame in April 2005.

He offered thanks to Gov. Anoatubby as well as the staff of the Arts and Humanities division and "all the wonderful people I had the pleasure of recording on film."

"We were overwhelmed by the incredibly positive response to the book and the festive atmosphere at the launch," said Lona Barrick, Administrator of the Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities. "It was very satisfying to see so many joyful expressions at the event and to hear so many highly favorable comments on the book.

"Many of the people there had several copies and were planning to give them to friends and relatives as gifts."

From left, Taloa Underwood, Joanna Underwood, and James Blackburn.

Leslie D. Clark

Geraldine Greenwood

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Book launch marks new program to promote Chickasaw history

More than 450 books were sold during the Oct. 7 launch and signing of "Chickasaw: Unconquered and Unconquerable," the first book published by the newly established Chickasaw Press.

The successful launch was the second event of the week marking significant progress in a comprehensive effort to offer more Chickasaw history and culture to the reading public.

That effort, outlined by Gov. Anoatubby in his Oct. 2005 State of the Nation address, includes the publishing company, a series of publication awards and a center for the study of Chickasaw culture and history.

"We hope to provide encouragement and support to authors and scholars interested in Chickasaw heritage," said Gov. Anoatubby. "By providing an outlet for their work, awards for outstanding achievements and a resource to assist in research efforts, we believe we can do a great deal to inspire authors and expand the scope of knowledge of our tribe's history, heritage and culture."

Presentation of the inaugural *Chickasaw Nation Heritage Preservation Awards* for authors documenting Chickasaw history and culture was conducted Oct. 5 on the campus of Murray State College in Tishomingo.

Author James R. Atkinson won the Heritage Preservation Award for best book.

Atkinson was honored for "Splendid Land, Splendid People: The Chickasaw Indians to Removal."

Now retired from a career as a ranger in the National Park Service, he has master's degrees in history and archaeology/anthropology.

Dr. John P. Dyson was honored with a Heritage Preservation Award for his article titled "Chickasaw Village Names from Contact to Removal", published in "Mississippi Archaeology" in 2004.

Dyson taught the Spanish and Portuguese languages at Indiana University in Bloomington.

"I wish I had a whole second lifetime to devote to the Chickasaw language and culture that I have come to love and respect over the past decade or so," said Dr. Dyson, with obvious emotion in his voice. "Whatever time I do have, I will spend it pursuing as much of the rich and often elusive Chickasaw past as I'm able to uncover, understand and pass on to others."

Brad Lieb won a Heritage Preservation Award for his master's thesis in Archaeology, titled "The Grand Village is Silent."

Hereafter, one award in each of four categories will be available annually.

A $5,000 award will be available for best book, $4,000 for best doctoral dissertation, $2,000 for best master's thesis and $1,000 for best article.

Awards will be presented annually to authors of books, doctoral dissertations, master's theses and articles dealing with some aspect of Chickasaw heritage.

Gov. Anoatubby worked with Oklahoma Historical Society executive director Dr. Bob Blackburn and Dr. Paul Lambert, former historian-in-residence and executive director of the Oklahoma Heritage Association, to establish the publication awards.

"We decided we want to encourage these kinds of works for their intrinsic value and because people who complete a master's thesis or a doctoral dissertation in a particular field of study often continue to research and write on that general subject matter throughout their careers," said Dr. Lambert. "We hope to recognize historians presently researching and writing on Chickasaw subjects as well as encouraging a new generation of historians to explore this interesting and important area of scholarship."

Dr. Paul Lambert, former historian-in-residence and executive director of the Oklahoma Heritage Association also helped establish the Chickasaw Press.

He said that the publishing company goes hand in hand with the publication awards.

"We believe it's an innovative approach," said Dr. Lambert. "I don't know of another tribe that is doing a press as well as a publication awards program. I think those are both really leading the way."

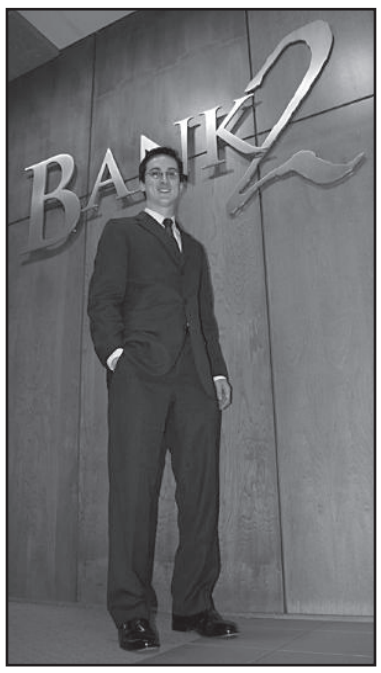
A center for the study of Chickasaw culture and history being built as part of the Chickasaw Cultural Center under construction near Sulphur, Okla. will serve as a valuable resource for authors as well as an important repository for their works.

"This center will be the ultimate resource for materials relating to everything that is Chickasaw," said Gov. Anoatubby. "This project is a massive undertaking involving not only the special design of the facility, but in gathering materials for study that date back hundreds and perhaps even thousands of years."

'Its About Money'

Sky is the limit for this Bank2 Chickasaw intern

By Ross Hill
CEO
Bank2



Blake Burkhart

For Blake Burkhart growing up attending powwows with his grandparents exposed him to the Chickasaw work ethic that has made him who he is today.

"It was at those powwows that I learned how our nation was made up of the unconquered and unconquerable people," Blake shared during a recent meeting at Bank2. "My Chickasaw heritage has inspired me to not give up. My ancestors were people of grit and gumption. Much of my desire for success comes from them."

Blake is another fine example of the caliber of young people that are proud to call themselves a Chickasaw. I have had the privilege in the last few years to work with some of the best and without question Blake is among the top of the list.

In 2004 Blake was selected to participate in an executive internship program at Bank2. The goal of the program is to expose college students to real life executive level business situations that will ultimately serve them in their careers.

Blake literally became my shadow for several months. He sat in and participated in many important and critical decision making meetings. I recall how impressed visiting executives were with the way he handled himself and became involved in our discussions.

"As a student I didn't know what to expect having the opportunity to participate in executive level business meetings, Blake said. "It was a little intimidating at first but Ross brought me along and encouraged me to observe and learn from what I experienced. Working along side him has helped me with my interaction with clients as a financial representative with Northwestern Mutual."

In addition to day-to-day activities as my personal intern, Blake helped to develop a capital plan presentation for the Bank2 Board of Directors and Governor Anoatubby. While his presentation was impressive, I was most impressed with his attitude when I asked him to help with less than glamorous activities, like the time I asked him to reorganize a storage room. He never blinked an eye. He always did what I asked and in a positive manner.

"At Bank2 I learned a lot about leadership, time management and how to conduct an efficient and effective team meeting," Blake said. "In essence, being a good leader means meeting the needs of others. That includes customers and employees. When you are the top executive it's likely that you will be the first to arrive and the last to leave. In the end, rolling up your sleeves and helping people is what matters most, not the number of zeros on your paycheck."

With men like Blake Burkhart on the horizon, the future of the Chickasaw Nation has never looked brighter. The sky is the limit for this Bank2 protégé. I'm proud to know that Bank2 has played a role in Blake's future as he provides financial needs analysis for his clients at Northwest Mutual. No doubt he gains great satisfaction knowing he is assisting his clients with investments, life insurance, estate preparation and retirement planning. If he can ever be of assistance to you then by all means give your fellow Chickasaw a call at 405-843-8391.

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Wildlife Habitat Program now open for enrollment

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has announced the opportunity to apply for assistance through the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) for fiscal year 2007. According to Clay Horton, NRCS Tribal Resource Conservationist, WHIP provides cost-share and technical assistance for development and/or improvement of wildlife habitat on private lands.

All privately owned rural lands are eligible for participation in WHIP. Applicants must have their farm records established and an Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) certification in place with the Farm Services Agency (FSA). In addition, the applicant must be in compliance with the highly erodible land and wetlands conservation provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985.

Applications will be taken on a continuous sign-up basis and high priority applications, based on specific statewide ranking criteria, will be selected for funding from four regional evaluation pools. Local NRCS field offices will begin accepting applications immediately and previous applications will be promoted for consideration if the applicant desires. Only applications received by November 15, 2006, will be ranked and considered during this initial application ranking and selection period.

Successful applicants will be notified after March 15, 2007, for eventual contract development until the available funds are obligated. All successful applicants will be required to develop, implement, and maintain a Wildlife Habitat Development Plan (WHDP) during their individual WHIP contract period. For details about the WHIP program or to make an application, contact the local NRCS office or the Tribal Resource Conservationist at (580) 332-8167 or email clay.horton@ok.usda.gov.

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A look at mid-18th Century Chickasaw Village Life

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Author's Note: The following are glimpses of Chickasaw village life at a crucial time in tribal history, the mid-18th century, when the tribe was imperiled in its Old Town settlement by attacking Choctaws and other French allied Indians. Fortunately, English trader and friend of the Chickasaws, James Adair, who had been living and trading off and on with the tribe, was taking notes for what would become in 1775 his big book, History of American Indians. *Adair also traded with other tribes, so the glimpses are assumed for the most part to apply to the Chickasaws, although some could apply to other tribes. No other first-hand witness to 18th century Chickasaw culture wrote about it so extensively. His accounts are far from perfect or comprehensive (see series on Adair, July-September 2004 Times), but his observations and information are a treasure trove which can be read, digested, dissected and discussed by succeeding generations of Chickasaws and other interested persons.*

The villages of Old Town undoubtedly contained more women than men. The number of Chickasaw warriors had decreased after years of warfare with the Choctaws and others. After the Choctaw civil war ended in 1750, the French induced their Indian allies to increase their raids on Chickasaws, and the death toll mounted little by little.

This forced most of the dwindling number of warriors to remain in the villages to defend them. This was true even during the fall and winter seasons, when the tribe customarily sent out war and hunting parties. Probably fewer and smaller war parties continued their missions: to exact revenge against their enemies as custom dictated while other warriors patrolled the Mississippi River looking for Frenchmen and their allies. It was essential to kill them and capture their cargoes to cut New France's supply and communication lines between Louisiana and the French colonies to the north.

One or more of the villages would have housed British traders such as James Adair and James Colbert. For the greater protection of their wares during this perilous time, they resided in houses near the center of the village. In the spring, the traders returned to British settlements to obtain another supply of trade goods, especially the armaments that were essential to the tribe's survival. The traders left behind the mixed-blood children whom they had sired with their Chickasaw wives.

These children were raised like full-blood children by their mothers and their extended families as members of their clan. Other than that, Adair wrote very little about children, including whether he himself had any. Because traders had been coming to Chickasaw country since at least the latter part of the 17th century, it would be reasonable to assume that mixed-blood adults would also be living with their clans. A few mixed-blood Chickasaws, having been taught English by their fathers, also may have become traders, or sought their fortunes in other ways primarily in white society.

Like the warriors, Chickasaw hunters ran substantial risks away from the villages. They were obliged to travel great distances to shoot deer, both for food, and for skins to help offset their mounting trade deficit with British traders. The risks to both warriors and hunters resulted from the virtual encirclement of the Chickasaw settlement (today's north Tupelo) by hostile forces looking to avenge deaths and captives taken during prior raids or to capture French rewards in return for Chickasaw scalps.

Aside from the obvious changes in the settlement meant to bolster Chickasaw defenses (palisade walls and ditches built around each village for instance), many aspects of Chickasaw life in the villages probably were very similar to the pre-contact look. As then, women did all the work connected with running the household. But with European tools the work was less burdensome and time-consuming. With metals pots, they need not spend so much time fashioning pottery for cooking. With cloth, they need not spend hours processing and brain tanning deerskin for clothes. Historian Wendy St. Jean wrote that some Chickasaw women married traders to obtain these convenience items for themselves and their kin.

While documentary and archaeological evidence illustrate the wide-spread use of these trade goods, what is usually not considered is the likelihood that some Chickasaw women, powerfully influenced by certain Chickasaw matriarchs or by virtue of being in a very conservative clan or just by their own choice, refused to use these trade goods. Although Adair did not mention such Indians, many post-Removal Chickasaws used traditional tools, according to Joshua Hinson, a Chickasaw cultural historian. So, why, he asks rhetorically, would every 18th century Chickasaw have relinquished their use. Hinson cited the discovery of post-Removal basketry, some pottery and traditional wooden tools such as the corn pounder, horn spoon, the bow and arrow, and the blow gun. He also mentioned that Chickasaws are known to have passed down knowledge of traditional food preparation, tanning methods and planting techniques.

For the latter, Adair described a day in early May, preordained by a "beloved man," who gave the order for spring planting to begin. An orator shouted, "that the new year is far advanced,--that he who expects to eat, must work,--and that he who will not work, must expect to pay the fine according to the old custom, or leave the town," as the others will not work for "an healthy idle waster." On this task, both men and women worked, even "war-chieftains" such as Paya Mattaha and numerous others, labored in the fields.

An hour after dawn, Adair wrote, residents of the several villages began with the field that has been agreed upon and fell "to work with great cheerfulness." An orator "cheers them with jests and humorous old tales, and sings several of their most agreeable wild tunes, beating also with a stick in his right hand, on the top of an earthen pot covered with a wet and well-stretched deer-skin. Thus they proceed from field to field, till their seed is sown." (This is useful information, but imagine how much more meaningful this would have been if Adair had taken extra minutes to have recorded the jests, tales and lyrics.) They planted different beans, peas and three types of corn, small niblet Indian corn, "hommony-corn," and a white corn called "bread corn" which in July the women pound and knead with chestnuts and wrap the contents into green corn blades and boil into a bread that Adair said was "very tempting to the taste."

He also provided descriptions of other culinary concoctions, all prepared by women. One, a thin cake mixed with bear oil, used to be baked on thin broad stones placed over a fire but "now they use kettles." The bread loaf is placed over glowing coals that have been swept to opposite sides of the hearth and is covered with an earthen basin until done. Apparently thinking that Indian fare might consist of little more than endless meals of deer and bear, corn and beans, Adair wrote he was surprised to see (and taste) the "great variety of dishes they make out of wild flesh, corn, beans, peas, potatoes, pompions [a type of gourd], dried fruits, herbs and roots." He said the diversity of the meals rivaled the European varieties.

Women, too, can be seen doing virtually all of the manufacturing work, though Adair did not say if every woman did all of the kinds described or if some women specialized in certain crafts for clan or tribal members. Women, particularly in winter, produced small carpets out of hemp that grew to six feet in length. They also spun buffalo hair into a fine yarn and added bits of dye that resulted in different designs. They also made serviceable and sometimes beautiful stone pipes although the most attractive varieties found in Chickasaw archaeological sites are thought to have come from other tribes--as trade goods. For baskets, they split large swamp canes into narrow slivers, dyed and thatched them together into a "beautiful variety of pleasing figures," Adair wrote.

By 1750, most families presumably would have accumulated some metal pots, pans, and containers. But these were heavy and bulky and therefore difficult and expensive to transport over hundreds of miles and by then, English traders were mainly bringing only the essentials, guns and ammunition. Adair said the women still fashioned earthen pots from two to ten gallons, a large variety of pitchers, bowls, basins, and "a prodigious number of other vessels." Some women simply preferred to make their own. The raw material was literally at their feet in the clay soil. After the vessel was fashioned largely undecorated, they placed it over a large fire of smoky pitch pine, which made them "smooth, black and firm."

Older women, standing in wooden towers, risked their lives by guarding the cultivated fields against birds and the villages against enemy warriors. But younger women also risked being captured or killed through their traditional task of gathering firewood and water. This was especially dangerous in the 1750s because these resources had been depleted near the villages. This meant round-trips of two miles for water and perhaps even longer distances for firewood.

As much as 18th century Chickasaw women contributed to the well-being of their clans and tribe, it is incredible and sad to realize that we don't know them. Of course with just a few exceptions, the same is true of Chickasaw men. The lack of names and personal details about individuals in the colonial documents and even in the writing of Adair--who repeatedly said how much he admired the tribe--conveys the unfortunate image and impression of Chickasaw people as being amorphous and reactionary.

But to continue, aside from contributing to village activities like spring planting and the construction of houses, men displayed their skill in two very popular games that they played with relish, stickball and chun-

*See **Slices of Village Life, 1750,** page 41*

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Oklahoma Livestock Assistance Grant Program open for enrollment

OKLAHOMA CITY - Livestock owners have until **November 20** to complete applications for the Livestock Assistance Grant Program announced by Governor Brad Henry last month. Approximately $6.5 million is available through the program.

Only producers who owned grazing livestock for food production as of March 7, 2006 are eligible, a requirement mandated by the USDA. Cattle, sheep, goats, bison and commercial deer and elk are eligible species.

Application forms are available from the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry website at www.oda.state.ok.us. Applications are also available at OSU extensions offices and Farm Service Agency offices throughout the state.

"We have made these applications as self-explanatory as possible but we know some people may feel they need assistance with them so we will have ODAFF teams visiting all 77 counties in the coming weeks to help with this program," said Oklahoma Secretary of Agriculture, Terry Peach.

The teams will also help coordinate with Notary Publics to attend, as all applications must be notarized for acceptance.

"We urge everyone who attends our assistance meetings to bring their farm tax exemption number, social security number, the number of livestock they had on March 7, and the legal description of their property so they can complete the application at that time," Peach said.

The application form asks producers to indicate if they were forced to sell livestock due to the drought and if they incurred unusual costs of production for transporting or purchasing hay, feed or water. He stressed that even producers who were not forced to sell livestock are eligible for the grants.

"We need this information to satisfy the USDA requirements that these grants go to producers who suffered financial hardship from the drought," he said. "Payments will be based strictly on the number of animal units owned as of March 7 and not on the amount of money producer's spent on additional supplies or transportation costs."

All applications are subject to audit. By federal regulations the maximum payment to any producer is $10,000.

ODAFF assistance teams are scheduled as follows:

Thursday September 28: Kingfisher County Fairgrounds Exhibit Building 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.; **Grady County Fairgrounds (Chickasha) 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.; Murray County Expo Center (Sulphur) 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.;** OSU Ext. Conference Room (Okemah) 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.; Choctaw County OSU Extension Office (Hugo) 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.; Craig County Courthouse Meeting Room (Vinita) 1 p.m.; Welch Civic Center 7 p.m.; Washington County OSU Extension Office (Dewey) 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Friday, September 29: Woodward Career Tech Auditorium 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.; Canadian County Fairgrounds (El Reno) 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.; Grant County OSU Extension Center (Medford) 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.; Cotton County Fairgrounds (Walters) 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.; **Johnston County Expo Center (Tishomingo) 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.;** Creek County Fairgrounds (Kellyville) 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.; Antlers Community Building 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.; Nowata County Fairgrounds 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.; and the Tulsa County OSU Extension Office Auditorium 1p.m. and 6 p.m.

Monday, October 2: Garfield County OSU Extension Center 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.; and the Gordon Cooper Vo Teck (Shawnee) 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Teams will announce additional meetings within the week. ODAFF personnel are prepared to return to areas for additional help if needed.

Directory established for tribal entrepreneurs

A directory of businesses owned by Chickasaws is being created to help promote economic opportunity for tribal entrepreneurs.

There is no cost to be listed in the directory, which will include the name of the business, contact and location information, as well as information on the goods or services provided by the business.

In addition to a printed directory, a web site will be created to enable electronic access to all information.

Chickasaws with a CDIB who would like to be listed in the directory should provide the information requested on the form below via email to vicky.gold@chickasaw.net or complete the form below and return to *The Chickasaw Times*, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821.

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Application for:
❒ Voter Registration
❒ Citizenship
❒ Change of Address
❒ Abstain from Voting

Application for Citizenship/Voter Registration in the Chickasaw Nation

Last Name First Name Middle Maiden Social Security Number

Mailing Address (Street, Box, Route) City County State Zip Code

Date of Birth Sex Degree of Blood Issuing Agency

Do you possess Indian blood of another tribe? If yes, what tribe(s)? _____

Do you wish to have your Social Security number printed on your citizenship card? ❒ Yes ❒ No

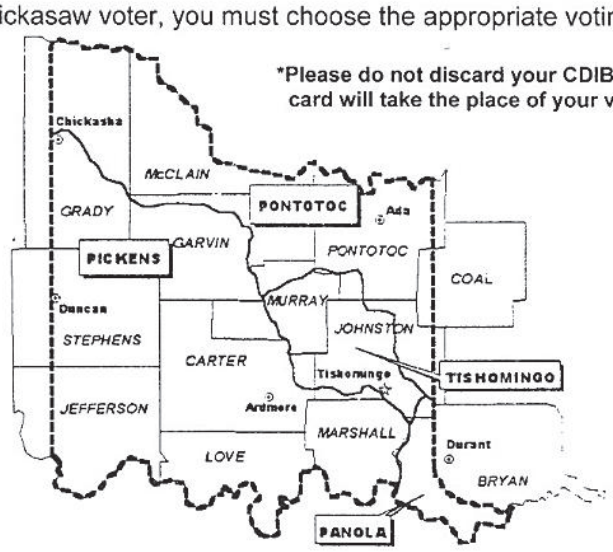
If you are applying for a citizenship card, please **attach a current color photograph** (passport, Polaroid or professional photographs are appropriate). Photographs must be in color and no smaller than 1½" by 1¼".

If you are 18 or over and wish to register as a Chickasaw voter, you must choose the appropriate voting district below.

If you live INSIDE the Chickasaw Nation, mark the district in which you reside.

If you live OUTSIDE the Chickasaw Nation, you must mark the district of your choice.

❒ Pontotoc District No. 1
❒ Pickens District No. 2
❒ Panola District No. 3
❒ Tishomingo District No. 4



***Please do not discard your CDIB card. The citizenship card will take the place of your voter card.**

I am a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation as defined in the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation and Title 2, Section 2 of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Code. I understand that false or erroneous information can cause loss of citizenship.

YOUR SIGNATURE REQUIRED Indicate relationship if other than applicant (Parent/legal guardian must sign for minors/wards) Daytime Phone No. Date

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OFFICE USE ONLY

Confirmation

Authorizing Signature CDIB Number Date

Form no. 264 CDIB Rev. 6/2005

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Ms. Briggs gave the Land Development Committee report in Dr. Goforth Parker's absence.

General Resolution Number 23-097, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Ada, Pontotoc County, Oklahoma, known as 121 West Main, for the use as the Multi Media Building.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR23-097.

Members voting yes: Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

7 yes votes

Members voting no:
Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman

2 no votes

The motion to approve GR23-097 carried.

General Resolution Number 23-098, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Johnston County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to accept the transfer of real property, in Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma, containing 14.03 acres, more or less together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to accept or place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous. The property location is Pennington Creek Park, Tishomingo, Oklahoma to be utilized for the annual meeting.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mr. Woods to approve GR23-098.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

9 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-098 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 23-099, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Johnston County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, in Emet, Oklahoma to expand the White House reserve.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott to approve GR23-099.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

9 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-099 carried unanimously.

Ms. Briggs concluded her report.

(E) EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Wanda Blackwood Scott

No report.

(F) HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Mary Jo Green

General Resolution Number 23-096, Indication of Support for the Oklahoma City Area Inter-Tribal Health Board and the Southern Plains Inter-Tribal Epidemiology Center

This resolution offers the Chickasaw Nation's support for the Oklahoma City Area Inter-Tribal Health Board and the Southern Plains Inter-Tribal Epidemiology Center to continue to research health issues and develop data that may be used for planning, decision-making and better utilization of resources to improve the health status and health care delivery systems serving Indian people in this region.

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve GR23-096.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

9 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-096 carried unanimously.

Ms. Green concluded her report.

(G) HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Wilson Seawright

No report.

(H) COURT DEVELOPMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Tim Colbert

Permanent Resolution Number 23-008, Amendments to Title 6 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Domestic Relations and Families)

This resolution effects changes in numbering passed in PR 15-030 which were recommended by the Solicitor's office. Such changes have not been codified.

A motion was made by Mr. Tim Colbert and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve PR23-008.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

9 yes votes

The motion to approve PR23-008 carried unanimously.

Permanent Resolution Number 23-009, Amendments to Title 6, Chapter 3 Section 6-301.25 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Juvenile Detention)

This resolution amends Section 6-301.25 of the Chickasaw Nation Code so that the Courts of the Chickasaw Nation may use any appropriate facility for the detention of juveniles, including the Sac & Fox Nation's Juvenile Detention Facility. Most cases in the Chickasaw Courts that result in the detention of a juvenile do not require a lock-down facility such as the Sac & Fox Nation's Juvenile Detention Facility.

A motion was made by Mr. Tim Colbert and seconded by Mr. Woods to approve PR23-009.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

9 yes votes

The motion to approve PR23-009 carried unanimously.

Mr. Tim Colbert concluded his report.

AGENDA ITEM #7
NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Mr. James Humes made comments on the lack of information given to the citizens on the salary increase resolution, tribal issued car tags for veterans, the outcome of the recent election, and changing the session date to a weekend.

Mr. Mike Watson stated he would like to see more written election rules.

Ms. Juanita Tate made comments regarding citizens who did not receive their ballots.

Mrs. Alexander explained the reason for increasing the salary scale.

Ms. Hartman also made comments regarding citizens not receiving ballots.

AGENDA ITEM #8
ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Briggs, Secretary
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Prepared by: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
SPECIAL SESSION
David Stout Building
Ada, Oklahoma
September 19, 2006

AGENDA ITEM #1
CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Scott Colbert called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2
ROLL CALL

Members present:
Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Members absent: Beth Alexander, Donna Hartman, Wilson Seawright

Staff present:
Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: 'Rena L. Duncan, Rita Loder, J.D. Malaney

AGENDA ITEM #3
INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4
ENTERTAINMENT OF MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES AND ADOPT A SHORTER AGENDA

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Ms. Briggs to suspend the rules and adopt a shorter agenda.

Members voting yes: Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

9 yes votes

The motion to suspend the rules and adopt a shorter agenda carried unanimously.

Shorter Agenda:

AGENDA ITEM #4
REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE by Committee Chair Steve Woods

General Resolution Number 23-102, Declaration of Vacancy and Request for Special Election

This resolution declares that a vacancy exists on the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature and that the vacancy creates an emergency. Further, this resolution requests the Governor call a special election to fill such vacancy and sets the schedule for the special election and any run-off election.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve GR23-102.

Members voting yes: Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

9 yes votes

The motion to approve GR23-102 carried unanimously.

Mr. Woods concluded his report.

AGENDA ITEM #8
ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Linda Briggs, Secretary Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

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key. The latter game probably was played by every Southeastern tribe as durable disc-shaped chunkey stones have been found in historic as well as pre-historic sites across the Southeast. Since stickball equipment—wooden two-foot-long sticks and small balls made of deerhide stuffed with deer hair--was not durable, none of the equipment is known to have been found in pre-contact sites. The first account of stickball was recorded by a Jesuit missionary in 1636.

Although both games were played with great seriousness and intensity and with religious overtones, part of the objective was to win bets placed on the stickball teams or chunkey participants. Adair wrote that some tribal members gambled raucously and recklessly on the games--sometimes risking everything they owned. He listed items that might seem like trinkets today. But among people with few possessions, the gamblers might have attached considerable value to their silver ornaments, nose, finger and ear rings, breast, arm and wrist plates and clothing. Adair wrote partial descriptions of each game, so that anyone unfamiliar with the games still would not understand how to play them. The two games were no more alike than football and bowling.

Stickball was played by two opposing teams. Though Adair wrote nothing about team make-up, it is likely that most of teams were clan based. In a 2006 painting by Chickasaw artist Brent Greenwood, two stickball combatants face off; one is wearing a raccoon tail, the other a panther tail. These symbolized the clan and the characteristics of their totem animals. Greenwood's players also wear accoutrements such as a shell necklace and bracelet, horsehair collar, and copper bracelet presumably prescribed by religious authorities.

Some post-Removal (date unknown) stickball-related items are stored in a warehouse of the National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) in Suitland, Maryland. These items were obtained by agents representing philanthropic individuals from collectors. The wealthy men eventually donated the material to the Smithsonian Institution, which administers NMAI. Among them are a belt, breechcloth, pants and a cloth collar. Adair didn't mention stickball ceremonial dress; the game he described was being played on a hot summer day by players wearing only breechcloths. But it is reasonable to assume that these big stickball games, an important part of Chickasaw culture, would have included special dress as well as ritualistic symbols painted on their bodies.

Just how important is indicated by the way the participants prepare, according to Adair. The night before, they fast, purge their bodies with button snake root, refrain from sleep and invoke the deities "to bless them with success." Not that they could sleep anyway, as Adair wrote that their female relatives "dance out of doors all the preceding night, chanting religious notes with their shrill voices…" This preparation, not coincidentally, resembled in an abbreviated manner the way warriors prepared for war. The Creeks called it "the little brother of war."

Adair wrote that the stickball field was up to 500 yards long with goalposts at either end. The objective of the game was to score points by tossing the ball between the goalposts. The game began early in the day and lasted until 1 or 2 p.m. with players running and battling full bore. Each player carried two two-foot long ballsticks, with which they caught and hurled the ball to their teammates running toward their opponent's goal. Adair wrote that they maintained such "constancy" through "custom" and their "love of virtue," which was the path to success. He called it "severe exercise" and wrote that the game could be quite violent. He described one game in which he saw some "break the legs and arms of their opponents, by hurling them down…running at full speed." He had learned, however, that these injuries may have had something to do with a long-standing family dispute that "might have raised their spleen, as much as the high bets they had then at stake…"

The other game, chunkey, was usually played by two or four men. In Adair's account, the game was played near the village council house on a square of ground that had been swept clean and sanded to facilitate the rolling of the chunkey stone, a wheel-shaped disk about two to three inches in diameter and "two fingers" in breadth. To begin, one man would roll the carefully polished stone toward the center of the court. When it was about to stop rolling, the players would hurl their poles at the stone. These poles were about eight feet long, tapered at both ends, and anointed with bear's oil. The man whose pole landed nearest the stone scored a point, or two points if the pole touched the stone. The first one to reach an agreed-upon total won the game.

Adair said the game a "stupid drudgery," a simple game from ancient and presumably simpler times. But numerous sources state that the game and its many variations were very popular among tribal peoples. Since Adair clearly didn't believe that the Chickasaws were stupid, perhaps his opinion of the game reflected his ignorance of it.

A key to understanding that chunkey had more importance to the tribe than a source of gambling was Adair's own observation that the chunkey stones were kept with the "strictest religious care from one generation to another, and are exempted from being buried with the dead." He thought that they belonged to the town were they are used, but it is probably more accurate to say that some were preserved by the tribe and others were retained by families and clans. Some chunkey stones that have been unearthed, Charles Hudson wrote in *The Southeastern Indians* have been "so beautifully crafted that they are virtually works of art."

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Permanent Resolution Number 24-001

Amendments to Title 3, Chapter 2 of the Chickasaw Nation Code

(Beverage Control Act)

Explanation: This resolution rescinds and repeals all sections of Title 3, Chapter 2 and approves and adopts new sections to be codified therein as the "Beverage Control Act of 2007." The new Beverage Control Act will meet all the current needs of the Chickasaw Nation and will satisfy all federal requirements.

Further, this resolution adds criminal statutes to Title 5 of the Chickasaw Nation Code for purposes of enforcing the Beverage Control Act of 2007.

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented By: Steve Woods, Committee Chair Legislative Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Scott Colbert

No votes: Judy Goforth Parker

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Chickasaw Citizens

Letter to Editor:

Dear Editor:

Warrior Moccasin Project is seeking out experienced beaders, moccasin makers and names for a pair of moccasins for their service in the military.

Those interested in donating deer hides, please email me so I can give you the name and address of where to ship it to. Deer hides CAN be donated to this project.

To do so, you must first salt the hides with medium grade salt which can be purchased at any farm supply store. After salting the hide(s) ship them to the address I will give you following the laws as specified BY YOUR STATE. A copy of the possession tag which was issued by the game warden must be included for each hide being shipped.

Any monetary donation to this project is also greatly appreciated.

Each cost of the pair of moccasins is $32.00 (includes shipping/handling charge).

Those serving in harm's way and those who have returned state side are encouraged to get in touch with me via email.

If you know of a native military troop member who you want to honor, please get a hold of me through

my email.

Thank you,

Sherry Girty, Creek-Cherokee

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Letter to Editor:

Dear Editor:

The Johnston County Chickasaw Community Council would like to thank the many people who helped make the Festival Parade float a reality. Thanks to Jerry and Eileen Underwood, Bobby Payne and family, Janiece Fairchild, Ann Fink, Susan Webb, and Mike, Connie, and Amy von Tungeln for construction, decoration and driving. Also, thanks to the riders who represented the Oklahoma City Metro Chickasaw Community Council, Wichita, KS Chickasaw Community Council, Purcell Chickasaw Community Council, and the Johnston County Chickasaw Community Council.

We appreciate all of your efforts!

Thanks a lot!

Amy von Tungeln

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Letter to Editor:

Dear Editor:

I wanted to express my sincere gratitude to all the people of the Chickasaw Nation for naming me as the 2006 Dynamic Chickasaw Woman of the Year. The greatest honor any person can achieve is one bestowed upon them by their own people.

Along with honor comes responsibility. I believe that it is my responsibility to continue to work as a playwright to tell stories that need to be told. I love theater and I feel very blessed to be working in that medium. It is my hope that more Native people will be inspired to write plays. We need many voices to tell our stories.

I want to thank Governor Anoatubby and Lieutenant Keel for their support. It was an honor to join you on stage to receive my award. I want to thank Lorie Robins from the Arts and Humanities Division for her work on the beaded collar. I hope the beautifully framed shadow box with the beaded collar, mounted in the softness of red velvet, will begin a tradition that will forever by a symbol of the beauty and talent of Indian Women.

I want to thank Lona Barrick, Administrator of the Arts and Humanities Division, for her enduring allegiance to the arts and for her unfailing efforts in helping to realize my dream of presenting the World Premiere of my play, *Te Ata*, for an Oklahoma audience.

I pledge to the people of the Chickasaw Nation that I will strive to always be worthy of this award. I have plays to write. I have stories to tell. The stage calls to me. But please know, that should I be needed to our people, I stand by. I want to give back in any way I can.

I have met many new friends by working with the Chickasaw Nation on my plays. I look forward to meeting many more. I am ready to write your story.

Sincerely,

JudyLee Oliva

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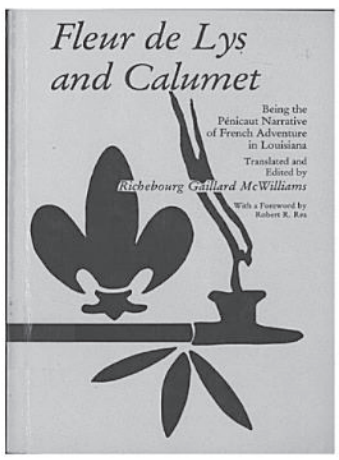

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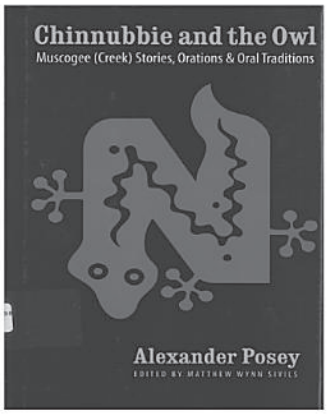

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Cynthia Diann Bermudez

Services for Cynthia Diann "Cindy" McManus Bermudez, 46, Ada, Okla., were Oct. 5 at Criswell Funeral Chapel, Carl Johnson officiating. Burial followed in McGee Cemetery, Stratford, Okla.

Mrs. Bermudez died Sept.29, 2006, at a local hospital. She was born Dec. 2, 1959, at Chickasha, Okla., to Harrel Douglas and Lila Dean Sealey McManus.

She moved to the Ada area in 1968 from Oklahoma City, graduated from Vanoss (OK) High School in 1978, and attended East Central University and Cameron University.

She was the executive director for the Chickasaw Nation Housing Authority from Dec. 3, 1985-Dec. 4, 2003, when she retired. She attended Galey Church of Christ.

She married Jesse Marie Bermudez Sept. 2, 1997, at Ada. She was preceded in death by a son, Brandon Garside; three sisters, Harrelyn Boyett, Kimberly McManus and Dena McManus; a nephew, Christopher McManus; grandparents, Luchuess and Odelia Sealey and Jerry and Mae McManus.

Survivors include her husband, Jesse, of the home; parents, Harrel and Dean McManus, Ada; two daughters, Nicole Willis and husband Michael, Atoka, Okla., and Ashton Ward, Stonewall, Okla.; three sisters, Karen Goodnight and husband Stan, Norman, Okla., Kristina Hale and husband Jason and Sherri McManus, all of Ada; five nieces, Brittany Frazier, Amanda Greenlee, Elizabeth Boyett, all of Ada, Madie Goodnight and Katie Goodnight, both of Norman; five nephews, Tyler Frazier, Joshua Thompson, Christian Roller, Michael Greenlee, all of Ada, and Kyle Goodnight, Norman.

Bearers were Tyler Frazier, Kyle Goodnight, Joshua Thompson, Joseph Garside, Gerald Sealey and Edward F. Navarro.

Honorary bearers are Lynn Gibson, Jeannie Barbour, Pat Woods, Karen Duderstadt and Linda Robins.

Ben Seeley

Ben Seeley, 89, died Oct. 13, 2006 at Sulphur, Okla. Services were Oct. 16 at the First Baptist Church of Sulphur with Rev. Robert Green officiating. Interment was in Oaklawn Cemetery, Sulphur.

Mr. Seeley was born July 31, 1917 in Pontotoc, Okla., to Mamie (Tushkatomby) and Walter Thomas Seeley. He was married to Viola (Quinton) Seeley at Sulphur on July 16, 1947. He was a Veteran Center employee for over 30 years. He was a Pfc in the U.S. Army and a veteran of World War II. He grew up in the Mill Creek (OK) area before moving to Sulphur in 1951. He was a member of the Abundant Life Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Leon Seeley, Joe Seeley, Otwell Seeley and Walton Seeley; one sister, Mary Ann Allen; a daughter, Donna Bellefeuille; a granddaughter, Cris Bellefeuille and two sons-in-law, Russell Bellefeuille and Rick Priddy.

He is survived by his wife, Viola, Sulphur; two daughters, Sharon Sartors and Rhonda (Suzie) Priddy, both of Sulphur; one son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Sammie Joe Seeley, Dickson, Okla.; two brothers, Wylie Seeley, Dallas, and Emmett Seeley, Davis, Okla.; one sister, Rose Vititow, Oklahoma City; eight grandchildren and spouses, Shawn and Katy Seeley, Lawton, Okla., Cheri Bellefeuille-Eldred, Sulphur, Schelle Seeley, Sulphur, Rachael and Chris Harazda, Sulphur, Skip and Whitney Seeley, Norman, Okla., Derrick and Jill Priddy, Sulphur, Chuck and Kendall Bellefeuille, Davis, and Benji and Shannon Sartors, Sulphur; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Shawn Seeley, Benji Sartors, Skip Seeley, Derrick Priddy, Chuck Bellefeuille, Logan Seeley and Noah Eldred. Honorary bearers were Phil Hurst, Robert Flurry, Ray Meeley, Chris Harazda, J. C. and Pauline Grantham and the men of the Abundant Life Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Abundant Life Church, P. O. Box 388, Sulphur, Okla. 73086.

James Andrew Gabehart

James Andres "Jim" Gabehart, 92, of Hondo, Texas, died Aug. 27, 2006. Services were Aug. 30, 2006 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Quihi, Texas with Rev. Stephen Schur officiating. Burial was at Hondo Cemetery, Oakwood Section.

Mr. Gabehart was born March 2, 1914 at Chickasha, Okla., to Joseph and Jessie Mae Gabehart. The family lived in Chickasha until 1926 when they moved to Texas due to his mother's health problems.

During World War II and the Korean War, he went to work in the Houston shipyards working on 108 different ships. He later spent many years working in the Texas oil fields around the Wichita Falls and South Texas area.

He married and had three sons, George, Bobby and Charles. He eventually moved to Hondo where he worked for Medina County until his retirement.

In 1963 he was baptized and confirmed at Bethlehem Lutheran Church where he remained a member until his death.

He and his present wife, Elizabeth Deorsam Meyer, were married at Bethlehem Lutheran Church Aug. 8, 1993 and enjoyed 13 happy years together. He and his wife cleaned the church buildings and kept the church lawn. He loved worship and regularly attended services at Bethlehem as long as he was able.

Mr. Gabehart was an avid outdoorsman and loved to fish and hunt. He was still hunting at the age of 90 when he shot his last deer. He would sit outside to enjoy the sights and sounds of nature. He and his wife kept a tidy home and well manicured lawn. Being with children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren gave him much pleasure.

He was a member of several community organizations. He received his 50-year pin as a member of the Masonic Lodge. For a number of years he regularly attended functions of the Sons Hermann Lodge, which he was a member. He loved music, especially county and gospel and joined the United Fiddlers Association. He was a member of AARP.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Jessie May Gabehart; his first wife, Flo Gabehart; a son, Bobby Gabehart; brothers, Wesley Gabehart and Ira Gabehart; sisters, Susie Stocks, Erthel Franklin and Dolly Pence.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Deorsam Meyer Gabehart; sons, Charles and wife Minta Sue of Huntington, Texas, George and wife Mary Jane of Livingston, Texas; a daughter-in-law, JoAnn Gabehart; step-sons, Stanley Meyer and wife Dolly of Quihi and Jerry Meyer and wife Betty Katherine of Quihi; a brother, Joe Gabehart; a sister, Nedra Short; and numerous grandchildren, step-grandchildren, great-grandchildren, step-great-grandchildren, nephews and nieces.

Pallbearers were Wayne Gabehart, John Gabehart, Joey Gabehart, Dan Gabehart, Loretta Hastings, Margaret Evelyn Smith, Richard Saathoff and Melvin Dittmar.

Honorary pallbearers were Harold Krahn, Franklin Muennink, Dr. Robert Reed, Olen Wiemers and Morris Baxter.

Jessie Mae Lynch

DUNCAN — Services for Jessie Mae Lynch, 74, Duncan, are 10 a.m. Saturday at Carter-Smart Funeral Chapel, Duncan, the Rev. Jody Hilliard officiating. Burial follows at Centrahoma Cemetery. The family will receive friends at Carter-Smart Funeral Home, Duncan, today from 8-9 p.m.

Mrs. Lynch died Oct. 3, 2006, at her home. She was born July 19, 1932, at Centrahoma, to Osborn and Nancy Roberts Harris. She served on the Chickasaw Legislature and was affiliated with the First Baptist Church. She married Kenneth Lynch April 10, 1953, at Arkansas. He died June 2, 2006.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; a son, William Lynch; and a brother, David Harris.

Survivors include a son, J.W. McElmurry and wife Alana, Duncan; two daughters, Joyce Ann Lynch and Rowena Lynch, both of Duncan; a brother, Jim Harris, Tupelo; a sister, Mary Heck, Coalgate; and grandchildren, Keshia Ingram, Alycia Ingram, Ginger Lynch andd Robert Plata.

Bearers are Steve Lynch, Del Lynch, Christopher Lynch, Wayne Lynch, J.W. McElmurry and Robert Plata.

Nicholas Ray Bright

Memorial services for Nicholas Ray Bright of Ada, Okla., were Oct. 10, 2006 at the Smith-Phillips Funeral Home Chapel, Ada, with Bob Finley officiating.

Mr. Bright died Friday, Oct. 6, 2006 at the Ponca City Medical Center, Ponca City, Okla., at the age of 19. He was born Aug. 15, 1987 in Oklahoma City to Danny and Nancy Logan Bright.

He moved to the Ada area in 2003 from Shawnee, Okla. He attended Byng Schools System. He was employed in the construction industry.

He is preceded in death by his grandfather, James Logan, Jr.; and maternal grandfather, Roger Perrier.

He is survived by his parents, Nancy and Bill Cohin of Ada, and father, Danny Bright; sisters, Michelle Fery of Taft, Okla., Rachel Cohin and Audrey Cohin both of Colorado; a brother, Billy Cohin, III of Colorado; maternal grandmother, B.J. Perrier of Shawnee; paternal grandparents, Bill and Judy Cohin of Illinois; aunts, Shirley Gray, Arlene Smith, Wanda Davidson, and Jennifer Murray.

A memorial fund has been established in Nic Bright's name at Vision Bank, 101 E. Main, Ada, OK 74820.

Edgar Allen Asbury

Edgar Allen Asbury, Jr., 88, beloved father and husband died Oct. 16, 2006 in San Antonio. He was born June 9, 1918 in Byars, Okla., to Edgar Allen Asbury and Sybil Bagwell Asbury. He was the great-great-grandson of trail blazer Jesse Chisholm.

In his youth he was an excellent athlete. He played basketball and baseball, even pitched a "no hitter" once.

He married Idabelle Rogers in 1940. They were married 42 years before her death.

In 1984 he married Dorothy Tutt Burtner. They were married nearly 22 years. They enjoyed traveling around the world together. He also enjoyed a good round of golf with his friends and was an avid bowler to the end.

From 1943 to 1946 he served in the 82nd Airborne Division in the glider artillery. He received four Battle Stars and a Bronze Arrowhead for serving with the Pathfinders; who went into Normandy in the first wave. He also received a Purple Heart 50-years after D-Day. He received the Bronze Star with Valor 56 years after the end of the war. It was his participation in the invasion of Normandy and Holland in a glider that he was honored.

He and his wife Dorothy returned to Europe with the 82nd Airborne Association for the 50th Anniversary of the invasion of Normandy.

He was the first American asked to carry the U.S. flag and lead the parade in Leicester, England. He was one of 18 honorary members of the National Glider Pilots Association.

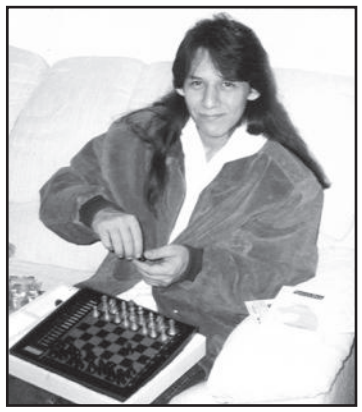
He was a proud member of the Chickasaw tribe and in 2002 he was inducted into the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame for his military service.

He worked for 35 years in the transportation industry. He was Superintendent of Transportation for East Texas Motor Freight and a salesman for Red Arrow Motor Freight Company. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; daughters Scottie Smith (Keith) of Plano, Texas, Cindi Sanchez (Sonny) of Edmond, Okla.; step-son, Keith Burtner of Dallas; step-daughter, Ann Schuller (Bob) of Overland Park, Kan.; six grandchildren, Jordan Smith, Andy Smith, Erin Sanchez, Sonny A. Sanchez, Kate Schuller and Will Schuller.

Memorial services were Oct. 19, 2006 at Trinity Baptist Church with John Park, Jr., assoc. pastor officiating.

Burial was at Cook Family Cemetery near Ashner, Okla.

In Memory of Randy Timberman
Nov. 11, 1970 - Sept. 20, 2005



Happy Birthday Randy.

Its been a year since you were taken from us. Even in a better place-it hasn't made the loss of your loving soul any easier.

You were a big brother like no other. I was so blessed to have you in my life, your death has changed the way I live my life in so many ways.

I will try to be like the man you were. I will try even harder to be like the man you were meant to become. You may never know the deep respect and love that I have for you.

Its funny to me, how I find such joy in my memories of our childhood. I would give almost anything to hear you tapping your drumsticks on anything and everything you could. I'm glad that you were buried with a pair in your hand. After all, the saints need a beat to march to when they come marching in.

Every time I hear the music that you loved, I sing along just as you would. I get such peace in the words of the song s that you loved. The same songs I grew to hate. Now I go out of my way hoping t hear them.

Please know that you are deeply missed. Not only were you a firefighter, but also a brother, son, grandson, nephew, cousin and friend, mostly a gift from God.

It is still very difficult to let you go. Accepting your death has been very hard for us all. A piece of each of our hearts died with you. Seeing the emptiness and sorrow left in our mother had made me want to be more. Seeing such a strong woman broken and frail has affected me. It isn't fair that she was so cruelly left out of the planning of your funeral and resting place. But we all know that no matter how and where you were buried-you're always close to our hearts. I know that someday you'll be able to comfort mom and let her know everything is all right.

You were deeply loved and respected for everything that you were-and everything that you wanted to be.

My outlook is so different now. Things in life aren't nearly as bad as they once were. You lived your life happy with what you got-but always wanting and dreaming of more. I wish to live mine the same.

For your memory,
For your spirit,
For you,
I will do the same.

Every year on your birthday we all come together to celebrate you life. We all cherish our memories of you. This celebration includes some of your favorites. Grandma has trained Lisa to fry chicken just like her. There's also salt meat, fry bead, wild onions, and so much more.

I miss you so much it hurts. Time has done very little to heal the pain.

I love you little buddy, your young brother,

Clarence Bee Wright

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Please accept our family's sincere thanks for the wonderful outpouring of love and support we received in the loss of our beloved daughter, Cindy Bermudez.

The offerings of flowers, food and prayer are so greatly appreciated. In our moment of loss, you were there for us when we needed you most.

There are so many friends who came to comfort us and share our sorrow, and we deeply appreciate each and every one of you.

Our family has suffered, but you have made our burden lighter by being there for us.

We are truly blessed to have the foundation of so many friends who care.

God bless you.

Dean and Harrel McManus and family